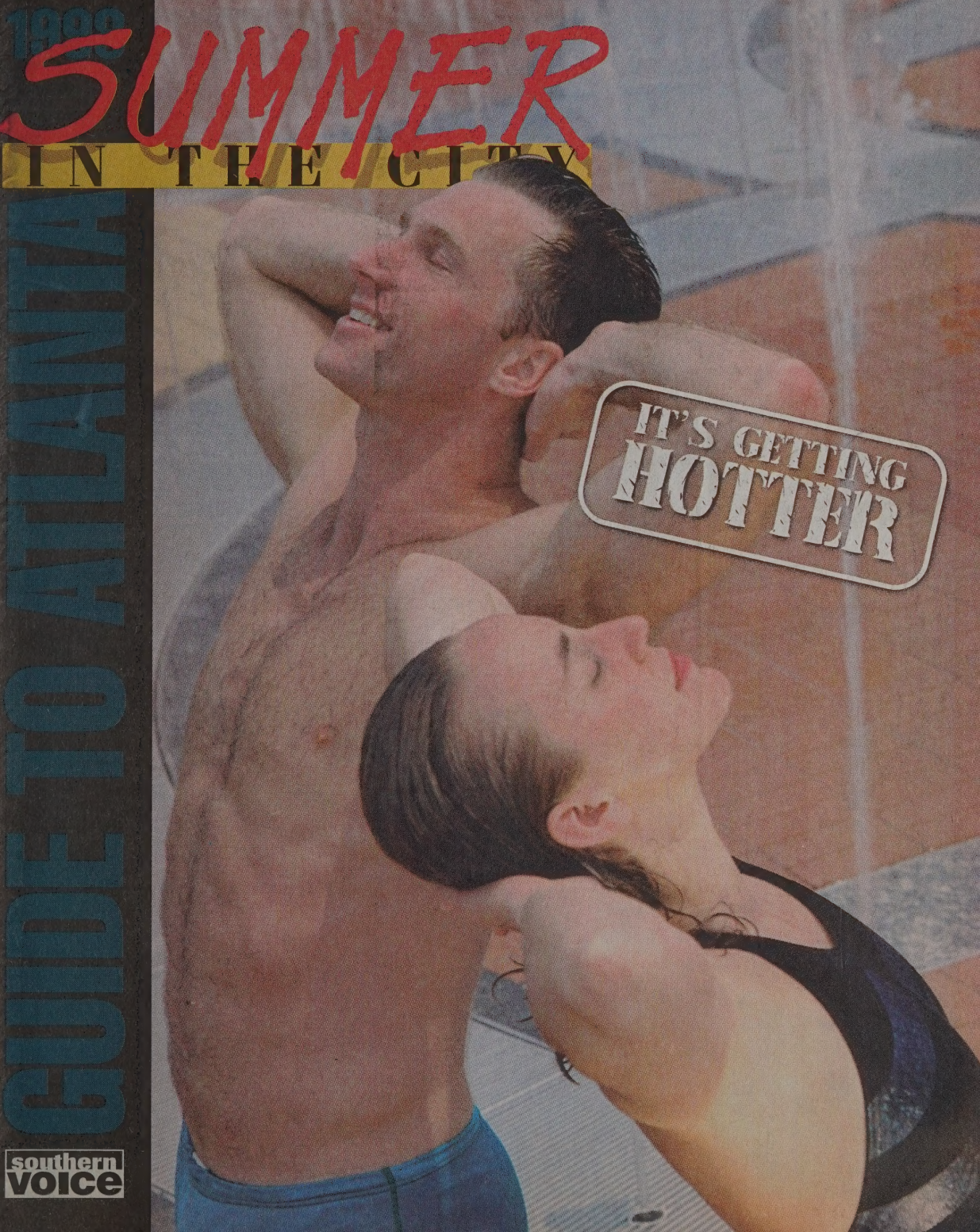
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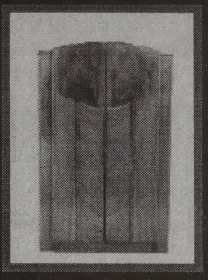
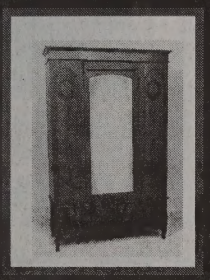

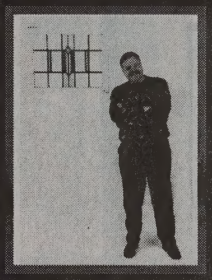

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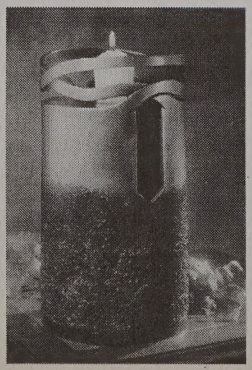

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In a city known for hot summers, this one's already a sizzler! And not because of El Niño. A gay scene that is already second-to-none has gone threw the roof this summer.

In case you missed it, our first edition of this year's Southern Voice Guide to Atlanta offered a comprehensive look at events big and small, gay and non-gay that we thought might appeal to someone of your, er, persuasion.

With this second edition of Summer in the City, it only gets hotter!

The stage is set for the massive Atlanta Pride Festival, and we've got the complete list of performers and a comprehensive schedule of official and unofficial events. The 20th anniversary Hotlanta River Expo has firmed up its 'Platinum' schedule, and you get a backstage glimpse at the internationally-known Mr. Hotlanta competition. All that, plus more details on Black Gay Pride, the summer theater's way gay bounty, and a complete entertainment calendar. Who could ask for more?

Well, there is more. The Centennial Olympic city will play host this summer to another global sporting event: the Gay Softball World Series. We've got all the details, as well as info other jock-n-jill stuff, including the famous Labor Day Peach Tennis Tournament, which will close out one hot Summer in the City.

Chris Crain
Publisher/Editor

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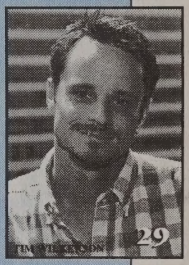

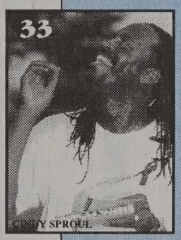

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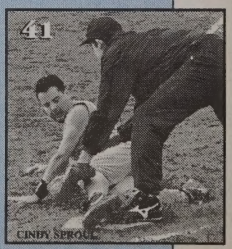

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BILL CAMPBELL
MAYOR

May 1, 1998

Greetings:

As Mayor of the City of Atlanta, I want to congratulate you on the third annual *Southern Voice Guide to Atlanta: "Summer in the City."*

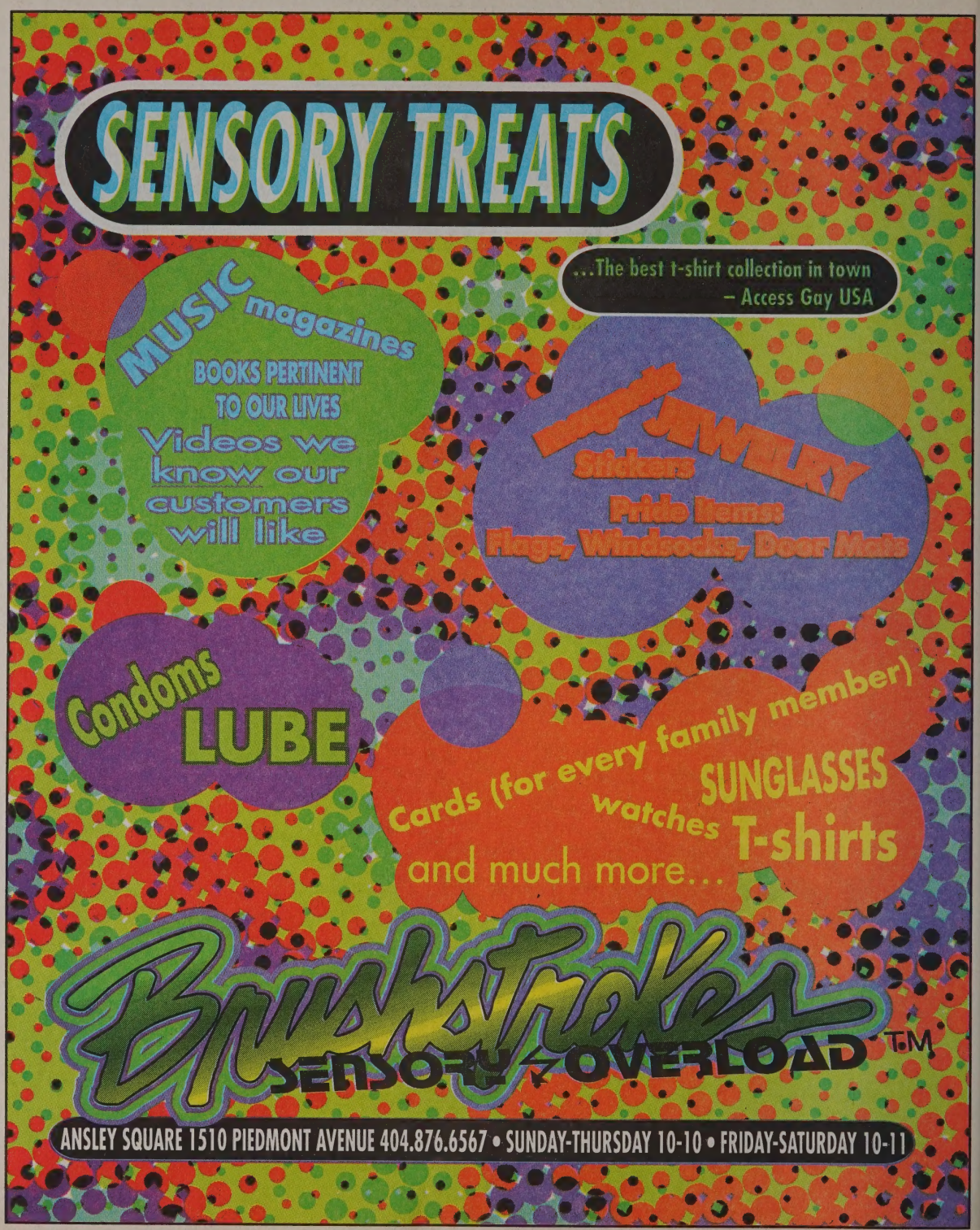
This insider's guide to all of the many arts, sports, entertainment, recreational, and special events offered Atlanta's diverse communities should put the visitor at ease and comfortable while a guest in our great City.

Atlanta's media has been greatly enhanced by *Southern Voice.* Your growth and expansion are a tribute to the fine job you are doing, and your success is due in part to your dedicated staff and to the important community that has nurtured its growth for these past ten years. The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered Community is an integral part of our City, and the celebration of diversity only helps to establish and enhance our cultural relationships.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I extend best wishes for continued growth and success.

Sincerely,

Bill Campbell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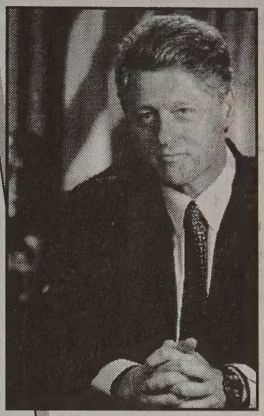

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GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE CELEBRATION, 1998

Warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 1998 Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration.

As Americans, we can be proud of our diversity. Striving together, people of different ethnicities, backgrounds, races, beliefs, and sexual orientation have contributed to the success of our nation, reflecting the profound truth that this rich diversity is one of our greatest strengths. But we must face the reality that sometimes our differences divide us; sometimes the voices of hatred and prejudice drown out the harmony in our national life. Events like the Pride Celebration help us to recognize anew that working in a spirit of community is not a hope but a necessity, and that our individual dreams can only be realized by our shared efforts.

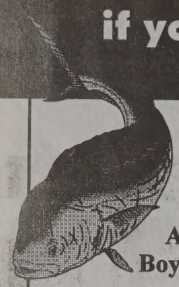
Our ideals and our history hold that the rights guaranteed us as Americans are inalienable. They are embedded in our Constitution and amplified over time by our courts and legislature, and I am bound by my oath of office and the burden of history to reaffirm them. Our nation stands to lose if we let prejudice and discrimination stifle the hopes or deny the potential of a single American. And we stand to lose when any person is denied or forced out of a job because of sexual orientation.

I commend each of you for your dedication to working for an America that celebrates our diversity, builds on our strength, and fulfills our fundamental values of mutual respect and compassion. Working together, I am confident that we can enter the 21st century as One America.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Bill Clinton

You can't get into the swim if you don't go into the pool.



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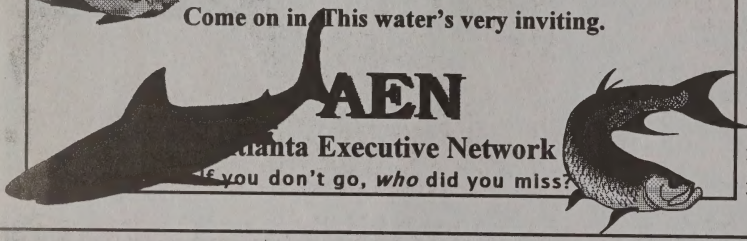

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Local talent tops Pride entertainment schedule

by LAURA BROWN

The entertainment line-up for this year's 28th annual Atlanta Pride celebration features everything from "Sox with Attitude," a set of "drag puppets that lip-sync disco songs," to R&B tunes by a group made up of two sets of identical twins.

Lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoffer, R&B recording artists Elusion and a long list of local talents top the Pride entertainer list, while speakers include transgendered race car drive Terry O'Connell, Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Kerry Lobel.

Acts returning from last year include Belloluna, Cooper Seay, Tory Beatty, and Superchick & Goodpussy. The festival will conclude with the traditional Sunday night drag cabaret.

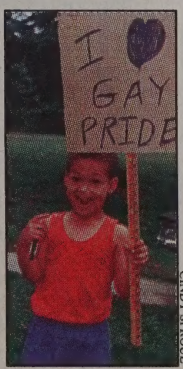
Other performers may not be nationally known, but "what we do have is an incredible array of people who though they may not be famous, they certainly have all the quality of big-time performers," Miller continued.

"Diane Durett [who performs Friday and Sunday] is like a little white James Brown ... and Melissa Reaves, who I discovered up in North Carolina, sounds like Janis Joplin resurrected." Reaves is scheduled to perform Sunday evening.

Friday night's mood will be more mellow, with a variety of funk, R&B and blues performers, Miller said. Entertainers include Sonia Leigh, Soul Miner's Daughter, Diane Durrett and Francine Reed.

Kids Activities

While in previous years Pride's Saturday morning performers have been geared to children, Miller said this year all main stage performers will focus on the festival's primarily adult audience. Separate children's activities will be available on Saturday in a fenced-area near the stage, Pride Executive Director Donna Narducci said.



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"We're getting a lot of help from the community to run the Kiddie Camp, and we'll bring in a sandbox, have some face-painting, and get some Pride T-shirts in kid's sizes that they can paint on," she said.

Special gay youth event

Another special entertainment block will help youth who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered themselves. Doria Roberts, Josh Joplin, Swawn Mullins and other artists who performed on a CD to benefit YouthPride, a support organization for young people ages 13-24, will take the stage between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Entitled "Thrive," the benefit CD will be on sale during Pride at YouthPride's tent.

CINDY SPROUL

28th Annual Atlanta Pride Festival, Piedmont Park

Schedule of official and related events

Friday

Commitment Ceremony

6:45 p.m., Special Events Center, Piedmont Park (by the lake)

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PRIDE FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

6:00-10:00 p.m., Main Stage, Piedmont Park

A cavalcade of local and national musicians and entertainers will perform in the park throughout the weekend. Schedule is subject to change or cancellation without notice, Pride officials said.

6-8 p.m.

Sandra Valls
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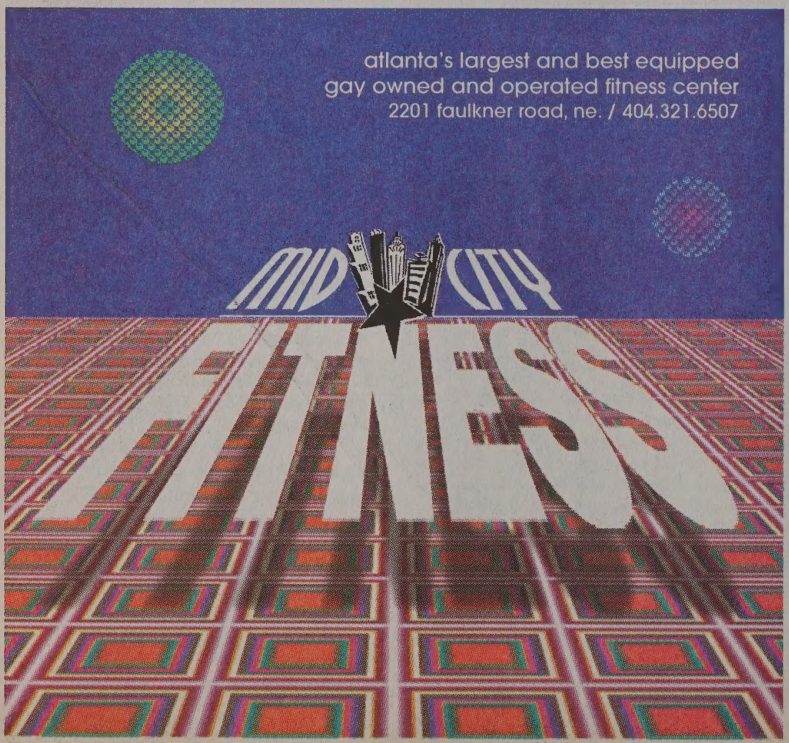
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Unity in the Community Pride Breakfast

8:30 a.m., Mary Mac's Restaurant, Ponce de Leon.

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PRIDE FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Main Stage, Piedmont Park

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11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Carly Arrowsmith
speaker: Jeff Graham, AIDS Survival Project executive director
Sonia Tetlow
Gracie & the Slipcovers
Love Apple

2-5 p.m.

Captain Deneuve
Belloluna
Pagan Holliday
speaker: Terry O'Connell, transgendered
NASCAR driver Uncle Mark Reynolds
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5-8 p.m.:

Glass Candle Grenade
Cooper Seay
Order of Dying Knights
One Without
The Gospel Echoes
Kevin Snow

8 p.m.-?

Suzanne Westenhoffer

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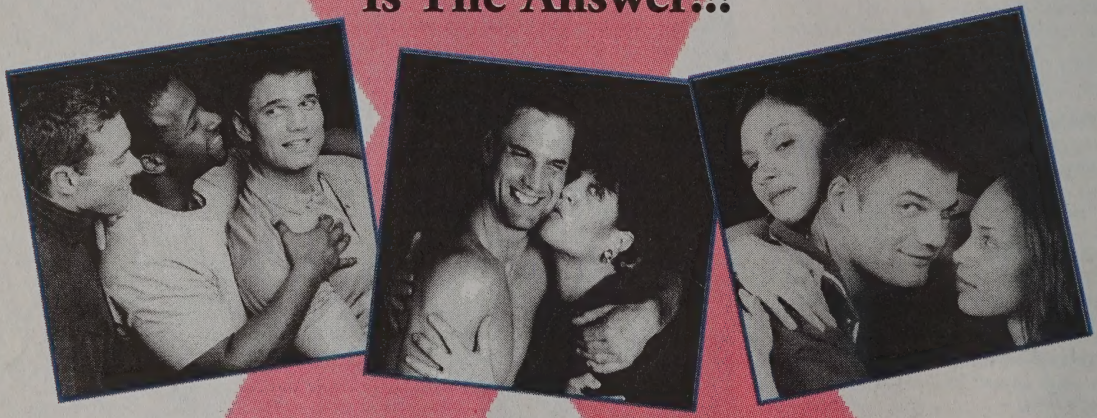

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28 Annual Atlanta Pride Festival

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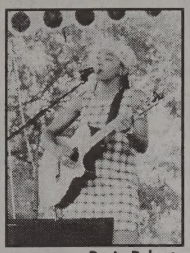

Doria Roberts

2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Halcyon
Scout
speakers: White House staffer Paul Yandura, Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell
Sox with Attitude
Diane Durrett
Elusion
speaker: Kerry Lobel, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force executive director
Elvira Kurt

5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

speakers: Atlanta Pride Committee
Tory Beatty
speaker: Cathy Woolard, Atlanta City Council District 6
Gurufish
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7:30 p.m.-?

Drag Cabaret Finale

Superchick & Goodpussy

Atlanta Pride Parade

Noon, MARTA Civic Center Station, north on Peachtree St., east on 10th to Piedmont Park

Everyone in the community is invited to march in the parade or watch as the full flower of the Atlanta community proceeds up Peachtree Street and into Piedmont Park. Organizations who wish to enter a float or vehicle in the parade should contact the Atlanta Pride office as soon as possible.

The 1998 Female Grand Marshal is Joan Garner. Executive Director of the Fund for Southern Communities until 1997, Joan is the newly appointed Acting Executive Director of National Network of Grantmakers. The 1998 Male Grand Marshal is Michael Edwards. Executive Director of Project Open Hand from 1988 to 1989, he also served as president of POH in 1990 and 1991, and is currently a member of the Advisory Board.

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Repeal Georgia's sodomy law

(From an editorial in the Atlanta Journal/Constitution Jan. 20, 1998)

Georgia's sodomy law has no reason to exist, other than to provide a legalistic excuse for discriminating against gay citizens. The archaic law, which prohibits consenting adults from having oral or anal sex in private, should have been thrown out years ago.

Fortunately, Sen. Steve Langford, the LaGrange Democrat running for governor, has proposed Senate Bill 442 to decriminalize sexual acts between consenting adults acting in private.

If common sense were to guide the General Assembly, this bill would pass unanimously. The old law cannot be enforced fairly unless the state is prepared to put a police officer in every bedroom. One can reasonably assume that a significant number of lawmakers have themselves engaged in forms of lovemaking that should have landed them in jail under the existing law.

So why have a law that millions of Georgians routinely break and that cannot be enforced? Because people who want to discriminate against gays need it as their flimsy excuse.

That's exactly what former Attorney General Mike Bowers did in 1991 when he withdrew a job offer extended to lawyer Robin Shahar. After he discovered she was a lesbian, he said her employment would create a conflict with Georgia's sodomy law. Bowers never attempted to find out whether the heterosexual members of his staff ever engaged in oral sex because he was not interested in discriminating against them. He used the law only to target a homosexual.

Langford's introduction of this repeal bill is an act of political courage. His opponents may use his position on the sodomy law to paint him as some wild libertine.

In fact, Langford is demonstrating leadership and a respect for privacy. His push to repeal the sodomy law deserves full support.

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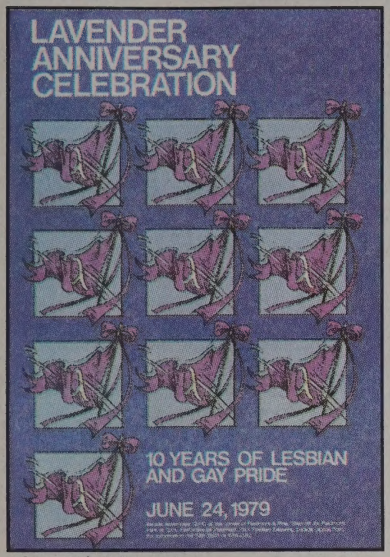
History Thing keeps Pride focused on Stonewall roots



Atlanta Pride '79 poster.

by TERRY MURPHY

While everyone who joins in the Atlanta Pride celebrations each June knows the weekend is a great party and feel-good event, many of us forget that the string of nationwide Pride events actually are living memorials to an historic event: the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City that gave rise to the gay civil rights movement.

To keep that important historic aspect front and center, Atlanta Pride this year has invited the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing to mount a major exhibition of gay historical artifacts in large tent in the center of the weekend celebration.

"Many people don't know that Pride commemorates Stonewall," Pride Executive Director Donna Narducci said, "and it's very important for all of us, especially young people, to be reminded of that."

The Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing has always had a presence of some sort at the Pride weekend festivities, says Maria Helena Dolan, well-known columnist, author and longtime Atlanta activist. "We've always had at least a table or something, and each year it has gotten more elaborate."

Dolan said the core members of the History Thing had been discussing an expanded Pride effort this year when, coincidentally, Pride approached them with the very same idea.

Many of us forget that Pride events actually are living memorials to an historic event: the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City .

Working with Pride community liaison Sara Look, it was decided that with the proper facilities and security, the History Thing would mount an historical exhibition in a 30-foot-by-30-foot tent that would include actual historic artifacts and representations of important photographs and documents relating to the development of the Atlanta lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the years since Stonewall.

"We're calling it "Partying, Parading and Politicking," says Dolan. "Aside from displaying

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our taste for alliteration, we decided that title embodied a lot of what the community has striven for in the last couple of decades. We like to party, to have a good time, but we like to be out front though, and that's the Parading part. Politicking we've always done, but we're doing it more openly now. So we're going to have a potpourri, kaleidoscope thing, featuring items from our collection, which has gotten pretty large."

Among the artifacts will be memorabilia from the first Mr. Hotlanta, Jimmy Gray, 1978. "We're trying to find his Speedo trunks," says Dolan, with a laugh. There will also be items from early gay organizations such as '70s-era T-shirts from Atlanta Venture Sports.

Atlanta Pride '82 parade.

Final decisions about what items from the collection will be displayed or represented in the park have yet to be made, she said. Decisions will also be influenced by practical matters. The collection includes the very first city proclamation honoring Pride, which was extremely controversial at the time. "We actually have that document, but if we include it, we'd probably use a photocopy since we would not want to risk damaging it."

"When I came out in '73 or whenever it was, I was pretty sure I was the only one," Dolan said. "There wasn't a gay community that was open and out there that I could plug into. I had to sort of ferret it out. For many years, that involved discovering the secret homosexual this and that." And documenting that change in culture is what the History Thing is all about, she says.

"Looking at my own life, a lot of the guys I did politics with in the '70s are dead, or moved somewhere or other," Dolan says. "It's real important that some of that be preserved … At the same time, a few months back I was interviewing a woman who was born in Grady Hospital in the '20s—[she] came out during World War II and she's been out ever since. Today is a whole different world.

"A lot of times, people ended up hospitalized, insane, killed themselves or whatever. We can really move away from that, and we have moved away from that. And to me, the History Thing is part of that whole journey, preserving it and continuing the forward momentum."

Volunteers from the History Thing will be at the exhibit in the park during Pride to hand out information and sign up new members, she said. Meanwhile, interested persons can contact the organization by calling (404) 377-5730. Meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of the month at Atlanta Gay Center.

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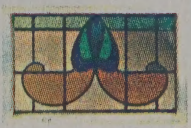
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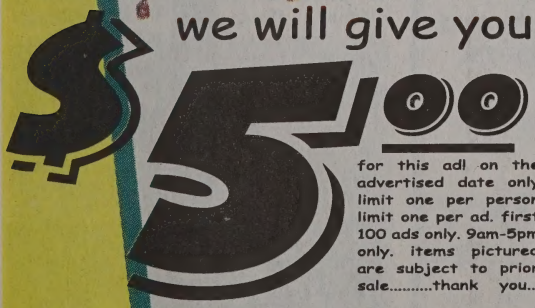

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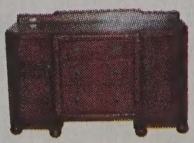
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It's a jungle out there!

Joining Hearts' 'Rain Forest' coming July 18

by DAVID GOLDMAN

Atlanta's trippy, frog-filled Rio Shopping Mall will be the setting for Joining Hearts' "Rain Forest" bash on July 18 from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Now in its 11th year, the annual dance party raises funds to assist Atlantans living with HIV/AIDS.

"It's a chance to enjoy a good time and excellent music in a spectacular setting with decorations," said Roger Fleming, publicity committee chair.

DJs Buc and Lydia Prim will spin for the party, where guests will be treated to an open bar and a buffet.

Joining Hearts' history is a story of community involvement. In 1988, a small group of people staged a black-tie cocktail party to raise funds for AIDS housing. Delighted by the $12,500 they took in, the activists decided to make the event an annual one.

Seven years ago, the party made the leap from a small affair to a large one held at Zoo Atlanta. Since then, Joining Hearts has continued to grow. Last year, it attracted 800 revelers, and to date it has raised $330,000 for AIDS causes. In 1990 Joining Hearts incorporated as a tax-exempt, not-for-profit Georgia corporation.

Joining Hearts' president is Mark Addison, and its event chair is Jeff Sobeck. The 50 members of the Joining Hearts host committee pay dues of $150 per person. This money, together with sponsorships and merchandise sales, funds the event, allowing

INFO

Joining Hearts

Who: Joining Hearts

What: Rain Forest party

When: Saturday, July 18, 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Where: Rio Shopping Mall, North Ave. at Piedmont

How Much: $35 in advance, $40 at the door

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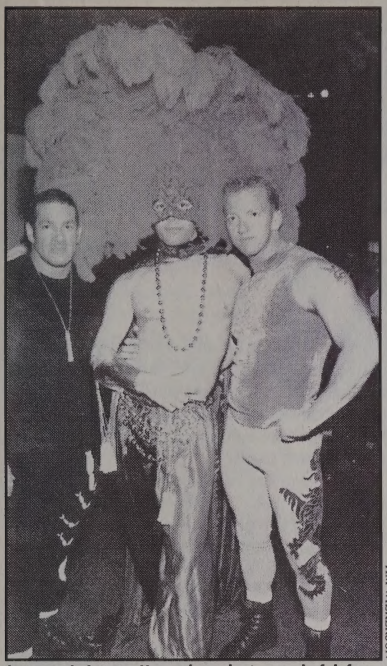

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Last year's Joining Hearts brought out a colorful, fun-loving crowd.

100 percent of ticket income to go directly to the targeted AIDS service organizations.

In the past, Joining Hearts has benefited Joining Hearts Home, a Little Five Points-area residence administered by AID Atlanta, and Jerusalem House. Although the board of directors will not allocate this year's donations until after the party, Fleming said he anticipates no changes in the beneficiaries.

Tickets may be purchased at Outwrite Bookstore and Coffeehouse, The Boy Next Door, Brushstrokes, E-D's Gourmet Records and The Candle Bar.

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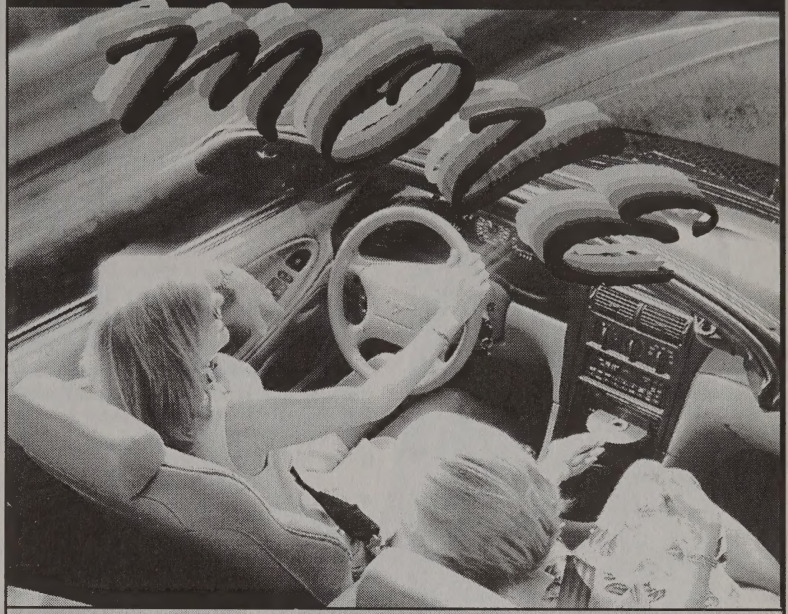

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Hotlanta River EXPOSED!

Hometown boy Chris Walters offers a back-stage look at Mr. Hotlanta, one of the nation's largest gay male pageants

TIM WILKERSON

by ANDREW ALEXANDER

"They give the contestants one room," says Chris Walters about the memorable night he competed for the coveted title of Mr. Hotlanta. "Modesty goes out the window. You're pulling on clothes and taking them off. There's about 25 guys in a space the size of a refrigerator."

Twenty-five buff guys in the space of a refrigerator may sound like the stuff of gay fantasy come true, but to hear Walters tell it, there are plenty of ups and downs to participating in one of the nation's biggest (and most intense) gay male beauty competitions.

Walters, who lives in Atlanta, was Mr. Georgia for 1997, and as first-runner up for Mr. Hotlanta 1997, he was just one step away from the brass ring. He says that the competition was intense, but for the most part civil.

Walters first decided to compete in the pageants early last year. He says it was a way for him, a personal trainer and motivational speaker, to put his money where his mouth was.

"It was just a way for me to be proud of who I was," he says. "I liked the fact that people were so proud of the city, too. And at the same time, I had personal goals. I had just changed careers to do my personal training. It was a way to practice what I preach."

Walters had done a few modeling sessions, some runway work and some fashion shows, but he was new to the pageant scene. Still, he felt going into it that he'd be a natural.

"I'm a ham," he says and laughs. "I always like to get up in front of people and entertain. People are always like, 'I can't believe you did that!'"

He also has the genes for it. He comes from a family of pageant competitors—both mom and sis were Miss America contestants.

Lifting and eating

Right after New Year's, he ratcheted up the intensity of his workouts and started getting mentally prepared for the competition.

"I'm a gym guru anyway. That's my stress release for the day," he says. "I didn't really have to change my workout too much as far as preparation—up until the last month or two." Mid-City Fitness, his sponsor, provided him with his own personal trainer.

"People rallied behind me," he said. "Friends and family really supported me. There were times when my boyfriend was pulling his hair out. I was eating broccoli and chicken three times a day, and he was, too!"

"I'm a ham," he says and laughs. "I always like to get up in front of people and entertain. People are always like, 'I can't believe you did that!'"

The first step to the contest was the Mr. Georgia pageant, held a few months before Hotlanta at the old Club March, where the winner would go on to compete for the title of Mr. Hotlanta.

Walters was scheduled to compete against several friends from the gym, and he says it was motivational, seeing them workout before the competition.

"I'd see them working and say, 'My God, I need to work harder!'" he says. "We all had a lot of fun."

For the contest, each contestant had to choose an outfit or costume that represented the theme of Atlanta pride. Walters' choice, the winning outfit, was an Atlanta Braves uniform.

His mother and sister, the ones who had also been beauty pageant contestants, came to watch Walters compete for the Mr. Georgia title.

"It was actually a long-time goal of mine to get up on stage like my sister and mom had done," Walters says with a laugh.

Afterward, they all sat down and watched the tapes of his winning competition. The ex-beauty contestants offered pointers about improving his act for the bigger stakes that lay ahead.

"I got all this wonderful advice from my mother and sister," he says. "They told me I looked stiff and told me to loosen up."

The Main Event

After a few more short months of preparation, it was time for the main event: Mr. Hotlanta.

Candidates met and saw each other for the first time on competition day. They met at the parking deck above the Nike Pavillion, where the contest was to take place, with downtown Atlanta as a backdrop.

Chris says the enthusiasm of the contestants varied. Some took the competition seriously, while others seemed to have entered on a lark.

"A couple guys were really nonchalant about it," he says. "I really wanted to win. For me, I wanted to prove that I could do it. I gave it a hundred percent."

Contestants from other parts of the country were sponsored by local bars in other major metropolitan areas.

"I don't think a lot of the cities take it as seriously as we do," he says. "Maybe it's because we're down here in pageant mecca!"

Although Walters says the egos in that refrigerator-sized room remained civil for the most part, the competition was still intense.

"It's like any competition," he says. "You're kind of sizing everyone up—no pun intended! There were three or four guys I knew were going to be pretty stiff competition."

For the opening of the contest, all the contestants came out in the same outfit: black jeans and a white river race T-shirt. Then the swimsuit contest, where each contestant wore Speedo trunks. Walters says the support of friends and family was crucial to his performance.

"I had a group of ladies from my office, my family members were there. They'd come over to the holding area and give me the thumbs up and tell me I looked great. On stage I couldn't see a thing because of the lights. I couldn't see three feet in front of me."

The biggest, most important part of the contest was the "fantasy" segment.

Each contestant acted out their male fantasy, and played it out for five to seven minutes. Walters designed his fantasy segment to fit in with last year's HRE theme: Renaissance and the Creation of Adam.

Amid smoke and lights, Chris emerged on stage as Adam, clad only in a fig leaf. He walked around the garden of Eden and was 'led into the temptation' of biting an apple by a 25 foot snake.

TIM WILKERSON

Walters chose to re-tell Adam's temptation by the snake for his "fantasy" performance.

"It was fantasy," Chris says and laughs about his skimpy costume. "A little skin doesn't hurt. I wanted to use a real snake, but it was gonna be a lot of headaches. A friend of mine who makes mascot costumes for sports teams made me a boa constrictor. It was 25 feet long, stuffed with bird seed so it weighed about 30 pounds. Another friend did the voice over."

Other contestants did sailors, mechanics, cowboys.

"During the contest, we didn't have much of a choice but to watch each other," he says. "Some of the people from out of town were blown away by how much energy there was in the competition."

The contestant who won did a trapeze act. "No one knew what he was going to do until he got on stage," says Walters. "There were these cables and wires over the stage, and we just thought it was part of the backdrop. Next thing we knew this guy was flying around like Peter Pan."

Walters says that although contestants bonded during the contest, he had little contact with them afterwards.

"We all went our separate ways," he said. "I can't say I'm a pen pal with any of the guys."

Walters won $500 for Mr. Georgia, and $1500 for placing first-runner up in Mr. Hotlanta.

"But the best prize was definitely the support of the people in the community," he says.

And the winners were ... 1st Runner-up, Chris Walters, Mr. Hotlanta '97 Brandon Sanford, and 2nd Runner-up Gabriel Santiago. The trio is flanked by Mr. Hotlanta '96 Juan Pablo Zuluaga (Atlanta).

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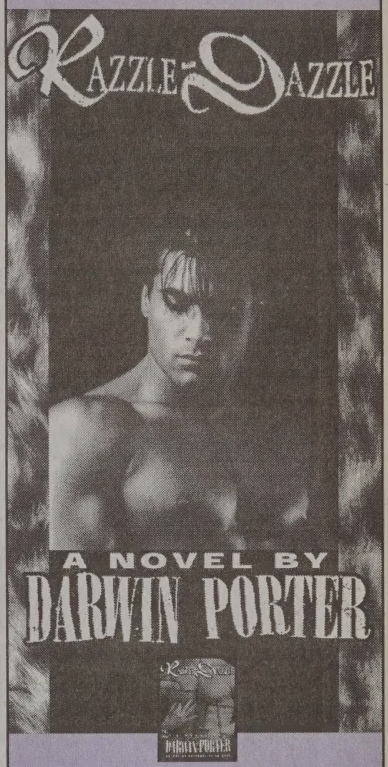

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Thursday, August 6

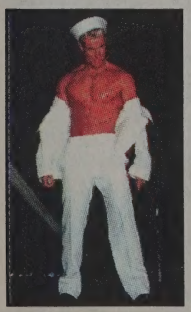
Miss Hotlanta Contest: 'Platinum Divas'
8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m., Sheraton Colony Square Ballroom

This elegant evening of glamorous competition and special entertainment features judging on presentation, talent and the ability to tie the act into this year's theme, the Platinum 20th Anniversary of HRE.

Miss Victory party
11:00 p.m.-2 a.m., The Armory, 835 Juniper St., (404) 881-9280

Friday, August 7

Mr. Hotlanta Contest: 'Pure Metal'
contest: 8:00 p.m.-10 p.m., Fox Theatre, 660 Peachtree St. (404) 249-6400
dance: 10 p.m.-3 a.m., Fox Theatre



The international Mr. Hotlanta competition pits buff boys from around the globe in the stiffest of competitions. Contestants are judged in formal wear, swim wear, and in a "fantasy" presentation. This year, a dance will follow the competition, with DJ Lydia Prim from New Orleans spinning the tunes.

Mr. After Party
3:00 a.m.-?, Backstreet, 845 Peachtree St. (404) 873-1986

Saturday, August 8

The River: 'Quicksilver'
9:30 a.m., Chattahoochie River

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The Party: 'Platinum Party'
10:00 p.m.-7 a.m., Sheraton Colony Square Ballroom

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Sunday, August 9

Brunch: 'Rise & Shine'
1:00 p.m.-3 a.m., Sheraton Colony Square

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Theater scene heats up with late summer offerings

by JIM FARMER

In the lazy, carefree days of summer, it may seem like most local theaters are at half mast, but a close look around reveals a variety of enticing offerings.

Three of the most anticipated productions are Actor's Express' take on the beloved "Auntie Mame," Dark Night Express' "Six From the Rainbow," spotlighting six gay and lesbian playwrights, and Solo Productions' "The 24th Day," starring part-time Atlantan Mitchell Anderson [see related stories].

Neighborhood Playhouse's sister theater, Discovery Arena, tends to do nervier, riskier shows than its mainstage counterpart, and will host the Atlanta debut of Terrence McNally's **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**, July 9 through Aug. 22. This Tony Award-winning musical chronicles an unlikely relationship between two jailed men, one a homosexual with a vivid imagination, the other a political revolutionary.

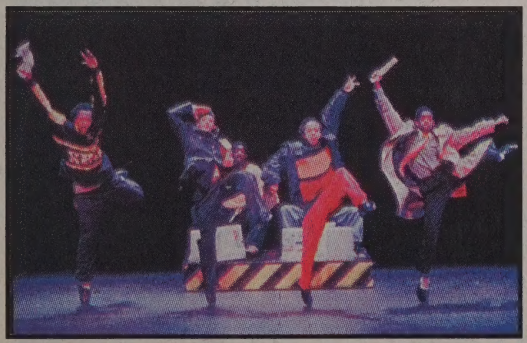
Neighborhood Playhouse will present Ken Ludwig's theatrical comedy **MOON OVER BUFFALO**, which ran on Broadway with Carol Burnett, July 9 through Aug. 16. (Marietta's Theater in the Square presented its take on the comedy earlier this winter).

ALWAYS... PATSY CLINE, at Theatre in the Square July 7 through Aug. 9, covers the early career of the late, legendary country performer, and traces the relationship she had with one fan, chiefly through correspondence. A third of the way into the play, the theater turns into a honky-tonk bar in which performers interact with the audience. According to marketing director Andy Orrell, the musical covers virtually all of Cline's hits, from "Crazy" to "I Fall to Pieces."

Not surprisingly, Theatre in the Square's summer schedule also features a return engagement of its popular musical favorite **SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN** on the Kennesaw campus, July 28 through Aug. 16. "Smoke on the Mountain" is described as a bluegrass-gospel musical in which the audience actually becomes the congregation of a rural church.

The summer production from gay-friendly Horizon Theatre ("The Food Chain," "Cupid's Bones") will be **COWGIRLS**, directed by veteran Heidi Cline and starring Rebekah Baty ("Wonderful Town"), through Aug. 16. The show, according to artistic director Lisa Adler, is a comedy about three classically-trained musicians who must grit their teeth and pretend to be country and western stars. One of the characters is a lesbian.

Theater of the Stars' annual summer musical campaign continues with **OKLAHOMA**, from July 7-12; **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMBOAT,** July 21-26; the Tony Award-winning **BRING IN DA NOISE, BRING IN DA FUNK**, July 28-Aug. 2; and **CAMELOT**, starring Robert Goulet, Aug. 18-23.



BRING IN DA NOISE, BRING IN DA FUNK will be a special co-presentation of the Theater of the Stars, MasterCard Broadway Series and the National Black Arts Festival.

Other interesting productions of the summer include Shakespeare Tavern's "Pericles," considered one of the Bard's neglected romances, July 11 - August 22, and three entrees from the Georgia Shakespeare Festival: **HENRY IV, PART 1**, currently playing; Moliere's comic **THE MISER**, opening in late June; and **MEASURE FOR MEASURE**, opening July 10. These three productions rotate throughout the summer.

And before you know it, fall will be back, and Atlanta's ever-busy theatre scene will be hyperactive with premieres and heavy competition.

'Auntie Mame' sure to please gay audiences

A virtual magnet for gay audiences, Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee's comedy is the tale of the outrageous **AUNTIE MAME**, whose philosophy is "Life's a banquet and most of these poor suckers are starving to death." After Mame inherits her ten-year-old nephew Patrick, she goes about changing his life forever.

Starring in "Mame" are (left to right) Gene Duyle, Kathi Welch and Mark Gray.

The play was the basis for the 1958 film, which starred Rosalind Russell in a signature role and is "right up there with 'All About Eve' and 'The Women' as gay favorites," according to director Chris Coleman. " I don't know exactly why we love 'Mame' so much - maybe because she is so outrageous, or so over the top, or because she is so funny."

Nonetheless, Coleman said what drew him to the project, beside his love of that era's "innocent and uncynical" work (Actor's Express has staged "Oklahoma" and "Wonderful Town" recently), was the fact that "it holds up so well. The struggle between left and right is something that is as clear then as it is now. It's totally appropriate for our time."

Despite rumors, Coleman is not starring as "Mame" (that honor goes to Actor's Express vet Kathi Welch, most recently seen in "Candida,") although he has jokingly been told by some he should. What Coleman does promise are "some undisclosed surprises," and the novelty of seeing 12 different actors and actresses take on more than 60 roles.

INFO

Auntie Mame

When: Through July 19, 8 p.m. Thu-Sat, 7 p.m. Sun

Where: Actor's Express, King Plow Arts Center

How much: $20

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Summer Theater

Mitchell Anderson will co-star in this psycho sexual drama.

Anderson takes on 'The 24th Day'

THE 24th DAY, by Solo Productions, is a psycho-sexual drama that will star part-time Atlantan Mitchell Anderson, star of Fox Television's "Party of Five," and Chad Darnell, late of Labyrinth Productions.

After Darnell left Labyrinth to start his own company, Solo Productions, he opted to do this play and chased and cajoled Anderson until the actor agreed to co-star. The play has only been produced once, in Los Angeles a few summers ago with Peter Berg and Noah Wylie.

Darnell desribes it as a cat and mouse thriller, about the issue of power and who has it. "The 24th Day" revolves around Tom (Anderson) who brings "trick" David (Darnell) home. Anderson's sexually ambiguous character claims he has only been with a handful of men, while Darnell's openly-gay character has been around the block a few times. Tom eventually kidnaps David and takes him hostage, explaining to his prisoner that he has just tested HIV-positive.

Darnell describes his role as "a very sexually aggressive and manipulative creature." He also likes the fact that there are several twists and dimensions to the characters, and despite some actions, says neither of the two are "psychotic or crazy." Although the play is hard-hitting and suspenseful, according to Darnell, "there is a pretty steamy kiss between the two characters." Lawrence Keller ("The Food Chain") will direct.

INFO

The 24th Day
When: July 10-26
Where: 7 Stages
Contact: (404) 794-6930

Summer Theater

Playwrights and actors participating in "Six from the Rainbow"

'Six From the Rainbow' features gay playwrights

Started last year as a way to celebrate gay and lesbian playwrights, the "Six From the Rainbow" festival is back under the arms of Dark Night Express, performed on the Actor's Express stage at King Plow Arts Center.

This year's festival features six new plays, each less than 20 minutes. Evening one (the red, orange and yellow colors of the flag) consists of "Custom and Conscience," by Rebecca Ranson, which explores the forbidden love between civil rights activist Lillian Smith and horseback instructor Paula Snelling, at a youth camp for women; "On Buying a Condo (Couple's Guide)," Steve Murray's comic look at the steps involved in buying a home; and "Waiting Room," by Frank Blocker, in which two extremely different gay men, one a businessman, the other a young student, await their HIV tests.

Evening two (the green, blue and purple colors) is comprised of "Femme Fantasia," by Shirlene Holmes, a look at the connection between nurturing, love and lust; Rob Nixon's "Under the Water," in which a young woman finds secrets about a friend as she digs around in his apartment; and Jim Grimsley's "On the Appearance of a Fire in the West," described as a story of "sexual tension and role-playing" as a boy meets a girl for a romantic tryst on a warfield.

The six plays will be running four weeks, concurrently with "Auntie Mame."

INFO

Six From the Rainbow

When: Through July 15, 8 p.m., Mon-Wed

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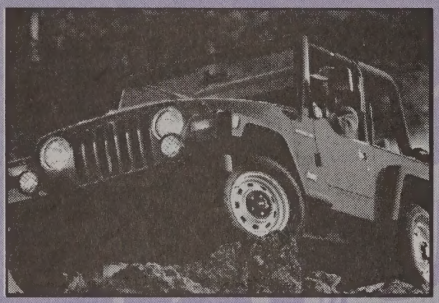

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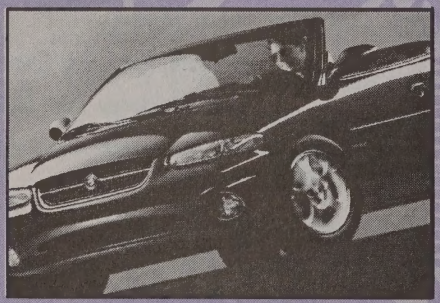

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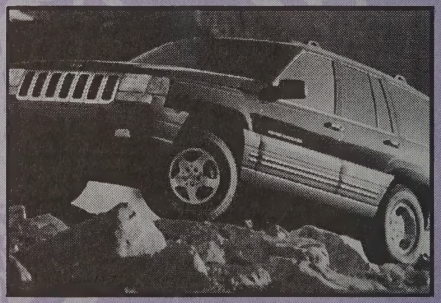

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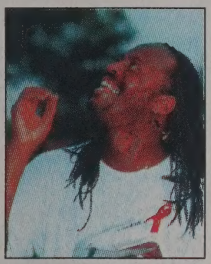
Black Gay Pride Celebration '98

Thousands coming to Atlanta for Labor Day Weekend events

by TERRY MURPHY



In The Life Atlanta (ITLA) is in its third year as coordinator of Atlanta's annual Labor Day Black Pride Celebration, and this year's edition of the traditional weekend celebration promises to be a memorable one.

For many years, lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders of color have been flocking to Atlanta over Labor Day for a spontaneous celebration of being "In the Life."

ITLA was formed to bring some structure to the celebration, and to expand the weekend's festivities to include some spiritual, cultural and health-related events.

The phrase "In the Life" is a self-identifying term used by African-American lesbians, bisexuals, gays and transgendered people since the Harlem Renaissance. The organization's name "gives well-deserved respect to our ancestors; reclaims our past; promotes self-empowerment through self-definition, and promotes unity."

In coalition with existing and emerging people of color organizations, ITLA informs, educates and empowers lesbians, bisexuals, gays, and transgender and identity-questioning people, as well as others of African descent, concerning HIV/AIDS and lesbian health issues.

Proceeds from Black Gay Pride Atlanta '98 will go to local charities selected by ITLA.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL EVENTS

The weekend will also feature a variety of related events sponsored by bars, independent party organizers and community service organizations. Information on these related events was incomplete at press time. Keep an eye on the ITLA website (address below) for more information as it becomes available.

Thursday, September 3

Candlelight Vigil

***When**: Evening*
***Where**: (tentatively) Martin Luther King Center, Auburn Avenue*
***Cost**: free*

Last year, some 200 participants gathered at the shrine and memorial to the slain civil rights leader for a moving candlelight memorial service dedicated to the memory of all African-Americans who have been lost in the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Friday, September 4

Welcome Reception

***When**: Evening*
***Where**: Wyndham Midtown Atlanta*
***Cost**: free (cash bar)*

This festive mixer brings together Black Pride weekend participants from all over America (and overseas) for a chance to meet new people, greet old friends and get filled in on a wide variety of official and related weekend events. The reception and other weekend events will be centered at a midtown hotel (name and location to be announced).

Saturday, September 5

Cultural Arts Festival, Health Fair and Video/Film Festival

***When**: All Day*
***Where**: Black Pride Weekend host hotel (to be announced)*
***Cost**: Free*

The Arts Festival is a day-long celebration of the artistic achievements and contributions of various members of the African-American gay community. A detailed list of performances will be announced. The concurrent Health Fair will provide a wide variety of information about HIV/AIDS and lesbian health issues.

Sunday, September 6

Interfaith Service

***When**: TBA*
***Where**: Hosted by Unity Fellowship Church of Atlanta*
***Cost**: Free*

A non-denominational worship service that brings the weekend to a spiritual close. Last year's service was sponsored by three Atlanta congregations that cater to the African-American gay community.

Black Pride Weekend Family Reunion Picnic

***When**: Daytime (exact hours to be announced)*
***Where**: (tentatively) Piedmont Park*
***Cost**: Free*

One of the most anticipated events of the weekend, organizers are hoping for better weather this year (after rain in '96 and '97). Join ITLA for a classic "Family" Reunion. Play games, volleyball, rollerblade, skate, or just enjoy the view. Bring your picnic, music, and your family and get down with Black Gay Pride!

INFO

***Host**: In The Life Atlanta, 828 W. Peachtree, Suite 207, Atlanta GA 30308*
***Contact**: Pride line (404) 872-6410*
***Web page**: www.inthelifeatl.com*
***Host hotel**: Wyndham Midtown Atlanta*
***Reservations**: (404) 873-4800 or 1-800-Wyndham. (Special rates available for people registering through "Black Gay Pride")*

Black Pride remembers Tony Daniels

ATLANTA—Many Black Pride weekend attendees will be remembering Tony Daniels, a well-known and beloved leader in Atlanta's black gay community and a founding board member of ITLA, who died May 22.

Daniels, 33, died as a result of injuries suffered in a one-car auto accident on Interstate 85 near Greensboro, N.C. At the time, he and two friends were en route to Washington, D.C., for that city's large Memorial Day weekend Black Gay Pride celebration.

A founding board member of In The Life Atlanta, Daniels served as its executive director for last year's Labor Day Black Pride event.

In 1995, Daniels co-founded Adodi Muse, the self-identified gay Negro ensemble and writer's collective. He also founded the Black Lesbian and Gay Poet's Society. He also was the founder of SpeakFire, a monthly forum for black gay and lesbian writers, poets and artists.

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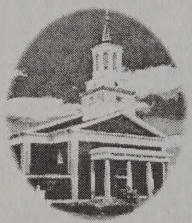

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June 18, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400

Kathy Mattea & Pam Tillis
June 19, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Mattea, known for her support of AIDS issues, and Tillis perform with the ASO for "The Women of Country

Unity Ball
June 20, GPTV Bldg., Studio C, (404) 365-5357

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The Phil Collins Big Band
June 20, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Symphony in the Park
June 21, Piedmont Park, (404) 733-5000

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Al Jarreau
June 23, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

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Further Festival
June 25, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400

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Paula Poundstone
June 26, Atlanta Symphony Hall, (404) 733-5000

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Prodigy & Meat Beat Manifesto
June 26, The Tabernacle, (404) 249-6400

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July 3, Eddie's Attic, (404) 377-4976

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Gracie & the Slipcovers
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Swamp Romp New Orleans Festival
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John Fogerty
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Dan Fogelberg
July 21, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

ASO Plays the Music of Pink Floyd
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Lilith Fair
July 24, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400
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Mary Chapin Carpenter
July 24-25, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000
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Willie Nelson
July 26, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Swing Night
July 29, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Sounds of the Silver Screen
July 31, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Atlanta Heritage Blues Festival
July 31-Aug. 2, Woodruff Park, 770-424-5832

Judy Tenuta
July 31-Aug. 2, The Punchline, (404) 252-5233

AUGUST

Everly Brothers
Aug. 1, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Widespread Panic
Aug. 1, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400

Smashing Pumpkins
Aug. 4, Fox Theatre, Box office or Ticketmaster (404) 249-6400

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Aug. 5, The Tabernacle, Box office or Ticketmaster (404) 249-6400
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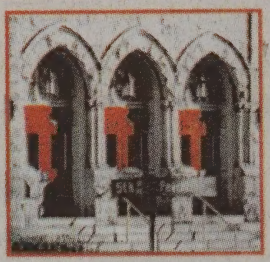

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Atlanta Hosts Gay Softball World Series

Fans and volunteers welcome for largest gay sports event in North America, Aug. 10-15

By RICHY HOWARD

This summer, as thousands cross the Atlantic for Gay Games IV in Amsterdam, many folks may be surprised to find that the largest gay and lesbian sporting event in North America will be right here in Atlanta the week of August 10 - 15.

The 1998 Gay Softball World Series will draw around 110 teams with about 3,000 participants from cities all over the United States and Canada. With the World Series following hard on the heels of Atlanta's famous circuit party—Hotlanta River Expo—Midtown's Sheraton Colony Square Hotel will remain chock full of gays for almost two weeks in August.

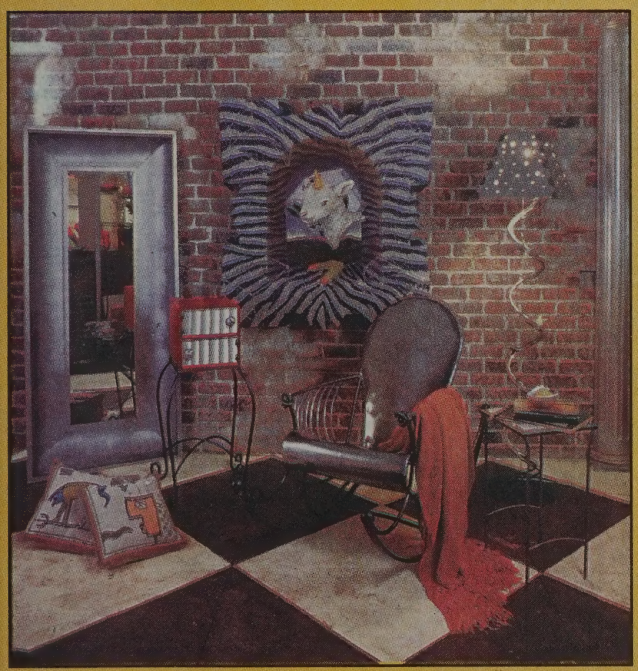
Most gay and lesbian softball teams in the U.S. and Canada are governed by the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA). Every summer, participating leagues send their finest to the Gay Softball World Series to decide who the best teams in the nation will be. The week-long tournament features five divisions of play. There are A, B, and C levels of competition in the Open Division, and the Women's Division features Competitive and Recreational brackets of play.

Atlanta has won the coveted national title only twice. In 1992, the Pear Garden Sluggers won the Men's C title in the first year of that bracket of play. Then, just last year, the Heretic Heat won the Women's Competitive Division, a title they had come so close to in too many previous World Series.

The last time the Series was held in Atlanta was in 1989. Since that time, NAGAAA has grown to such a size that few cities have a softball complex large enough to host all the games in one facility. In fact, not since that last Atlanta series has the GSWS been played at one venue. Atlanta will repeat that accomplishment this summer, as the Softball Country Club on N. Decatur Road will accommodate all the spectators and athletes for the '98 World Series. The Hotlanta Softball League serves as host for he event.

With all of the competition at one venue, HSL's main focus will be to attract as many spectators as possible. "For fans in the South, the series may only come around once every 10 years, and this is a rare opportunity to see the event. The Series may be known as a fun event, but it is also a showcase for a high level of athletic competition," says Lon Berger, HSL commissioner. "This is an opportunity to see some of the best gay athletes in the country, men and women who excel at the sport of softball."

The Softball Country Club on N. Decatur Road is the series venue.



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RICHY HOWARD

The '98 Peach tournament, one of the most e gay and lesbian tennis events in North erica, heads a summer full of great sporting nts in gay Atlanta.

Slated for the Labor Day Weekend, the Peach tenevent is in its 11th year and expects to have a large v, as always.

The Peach, whose proceeds benefit Positive act, will feature brackets of play for men, women and mixed pairs, broken down into open, A, B, C, D and novice levels of play. There will also be a 35+ division if enough players warrant. Play will be on September 4 - 7 at the Dekalb Tennis Center and for the first time at the South Fulton Tennis Center, one of the better tennis complexes in the country.

The '97 Peach featured many Atlantans doing quite well despite the oppressive heat. This year, the heat is expected to be just as daunting.

"There really is not a whole lot we can do except make sure there is plenty of water available," says tournament director Mark Mays serving in that role for the seventh year. "We really stress to everyone to keep hydrated." A Draw Party will be held on September 3 at the Marriott Marquis skyline room.

Those interested in playing can register online at www.atta.org/thepeach

Atlanta Rainbow Trout Swim Club

The Rainbow Trout is at least the second-largest United States Masters Swimming team in the state of Georgia, and possibly the largest.

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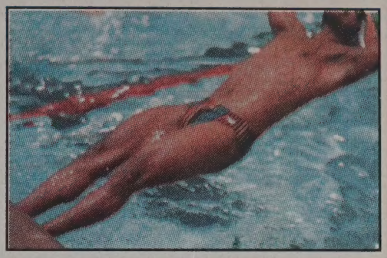

swimming facility built for the 1996 Olympic Games. Practices are held from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m .Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The club invites all interested people to swim with the club for a few weeks before they are required to join in order to make sure swimmers enjoy the experience before committing to membership. Members pay quarterly pool charges and $28 for annual USMS membership.

The Trout will host Freedom Swim '98, a USMS meet, on Sat., June 20, at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center. They expect 300 swimmers from Atlanta

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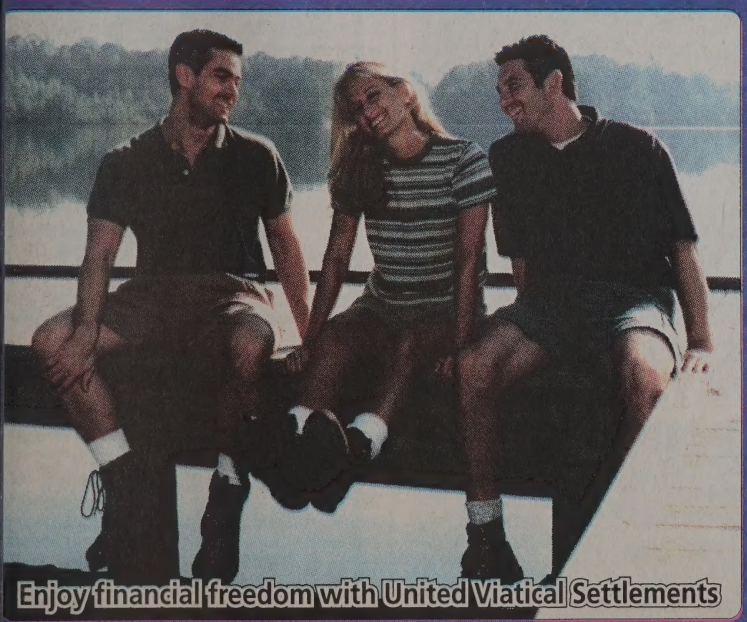

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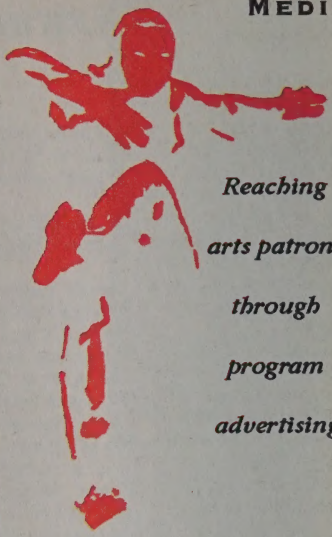

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and the rest of Georgia, as well as from all over the country. There also will be a full weekend of social activities surrounding the meet. On Saturday after the competition, there will be a Pink Flamingo contest featuring skits put on by the teams. That night there will be a party at Club Fusion on Amsterdam Avenue in the Midtown Outlets. On Sunday afternoon, the Trout will be skating at Piedmont Park, followed by a tea dance at Fusion. All of these events are open to the public.

A number of Trout swimmers will participate in the Georgia State Games at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center on July 18. Four members will compete in the Gay Games in Amsterdam this August, and the Trout also will compete at the USMS Masters Nationals in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

For more information, call the Troutline at (404) 286-6131, or visit their website at www.mindspring.com/~atltrout, or drop them a line at 541 10th St. NW #314, Atlanta GA 30318

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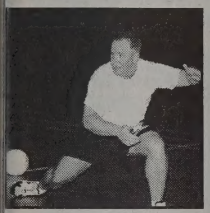

Atlanta's hottest volleyball players participate in a well-organized league that recently completed its spring season. Summertime brings open play twice a week, and all are welcome. Tuesday night, open play is from 7 to 10 p.m. in the gym at Agnes Scott College in Decatur. Fridays, the group plays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Druid Hills Methodist Church at the corner of Ponce de Leon and Briarcliff Road. Cost is $3 per person to cover gym rental.

The association's annual Pride tournament will be held Sat., June 27 in Piedmont Park during the Atlanta Pride celebration. The four-man outdoor grass tournament offers competition in advanced, intermediate and recreational divisions.

The Hotlanta Classic IX is the organization's big tournament of the year. Scheduled for the July 4th weekend, it is hosted by Hoedowns, Midtown's gay country/western bar.

Front Runners Atlanta

Front Runners Atlanta is part of an international association of running and walking clubs providing support and encouragement to gay men and lesbians who enjoy running or walking. The 8th annual Atlanta gay and lesbian Pride Run/Walk steps off at 8 a.m. on Sat., June 27, starting near the Cyclorama and Zoo Atlanta entrance to Grant Park. The 5K (3.1-mile) course winds in and around park. Front Runners Atlanta organizes this annual race, held in conjunction with Atlanta Pride weekend, and proceeds form

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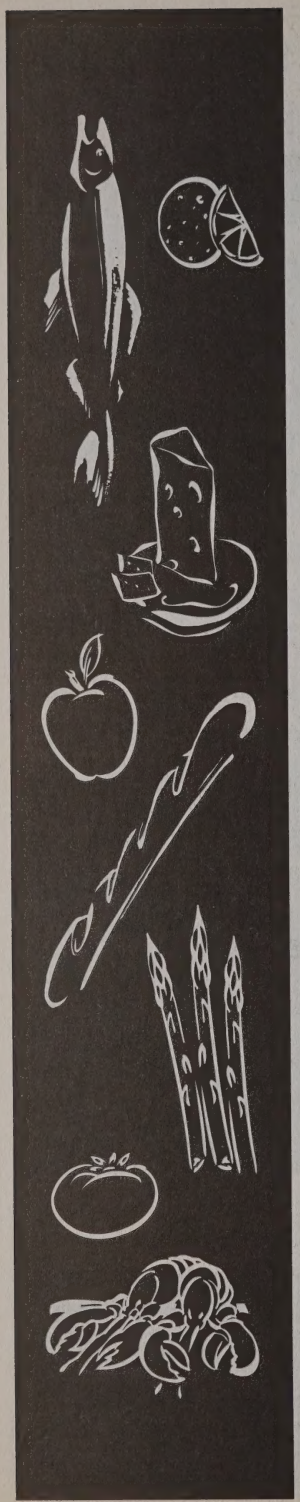

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this year's event will benefit the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative and YouthPride Atlanta. Last year, more than 825 runners participated, raising more than $9,000 for charity.

Race applications are available in *Southern Voice*, at Phidippides Sports in Ansley Mall, at businesses throughout Midtown Atlanta or by calling (770) 621-5007. The entrance fee is $15.

A pre-race pasta dinner on Friday evening will feature Atlanta City Council Member Julia Emmons, executive director of the Atlanta Track Club, the city's 12,000-member running club that each year sponsors the massive Peachtree Road Race on July 4.

For more information, call the Front Runners at (770) 621-5007.

Bowling

There are no less than six bowling leagues for Atlanta's lesbian and gay community, offering wide variety of gay bowling events during the year. For instance, the Dixie Committee's annual Easter tournament this year drew more than 360 bowlers. Come summertime, two leagues bowl at Express Lanes, 1936 Piedmont Circle in Midtown. On Mondays, Elma's Gang takes to the lanes, and on Wednesdays, you can bowl with Boys & Girls of Summer. Call Express Lanes at (404) 874-5703 for more information. The co-ed leagues cater to bowlers of all ages.

The fall league schedule is more extensive and all the gay leagues are sponsoring a registration party at Express Lanes on Aug. 16.

Atlanta Gay Bowlers are bidding to host the International Gay Bowling Organization's annual tournament in the year 2000.

Basketball

Hotlanta Basketball offers open play Tuesday nights from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Druid Hills Methodist Church at the corner of Briarcliff Road and Ponce de Leon. Cost is $4 per person to cover gym rental.

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Bulldogs
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Kaya
1068 Peachtree St.
(404) 874-4460

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Le Buzz
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Loretta's
708 Spring Street
(404) 874-8125

The prime party spot for Atlanta's African-American lesbian and gay community, Loretta's multi-level complex features a vast dance floor, funky music and comfortable areas just to sit down and chat. There's no cover except for Monday Midnight Madness and special events. Loretta's is definitely not to be missed.

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Menergy Club

1890 Cheshire Bridge Road
(404)874-0980

Fairly new to Atlanta, Menergy invites you to dance to their always 70s and 80s music. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. til close. Free buffet on Sundays at 5. Never a cover.

The Metro

1080 Peachtree Street
(404) 874-9869

Open 10 a.m. daily, The Metro features a full calendar of drag shows, special events, and benefits, as well as The Men of Metro, dancing non-stop 6 p.m.-2 a.m., seven days a week. Even if you get tired of dancing, unless your cash runs out, it's hard to tire of watching them. Free admission before 10 p.m. nightly.

Midtown Cantina

1510-C Piedmont Avenue
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Miss Q's

560 Amsterdam
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Model T

699 Ponce de Leon
(404) 872-2209

Located in Ford Factory Square, an old mill turned apartment complex, this cozy tavern is home to an older, calmer crowd. Though things heat up a bit for Saturday night drag shows and regular dart tournaments, the Model T is mostly a great place to just hang out in a friendly neighborhood atmosphere. Usually no cover.

Moreland Ave. Restaurant and Tavern

1196 Moreland Avenue
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The New Order

1544 Piedmont Road (in Ansley Mall)
(404) 874-8247

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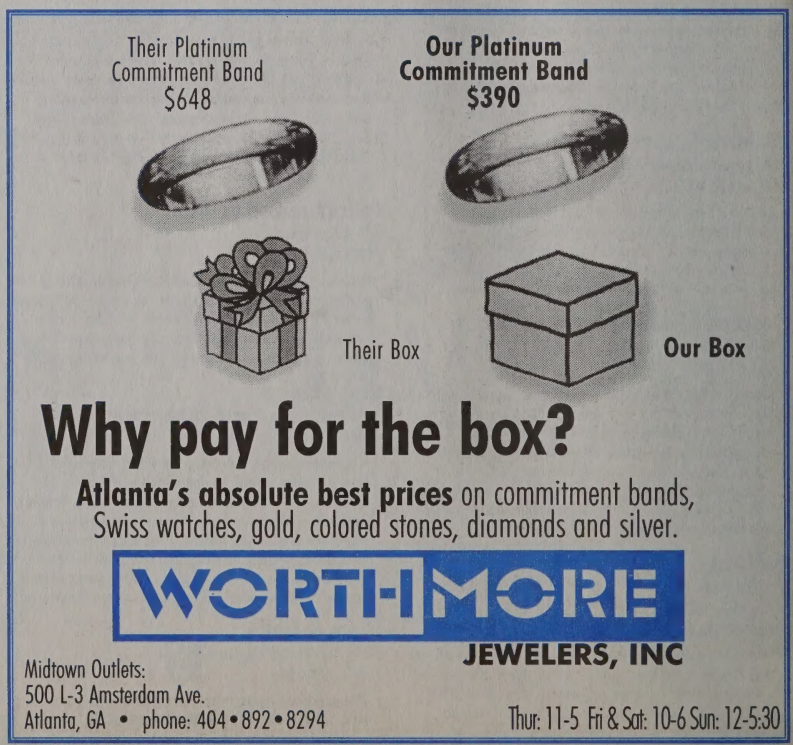
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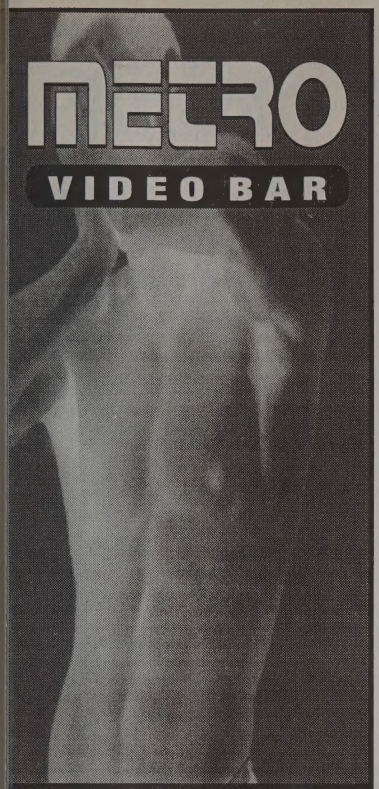

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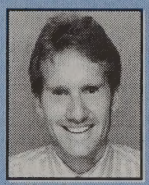
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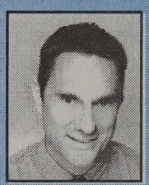
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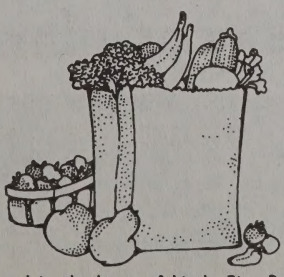

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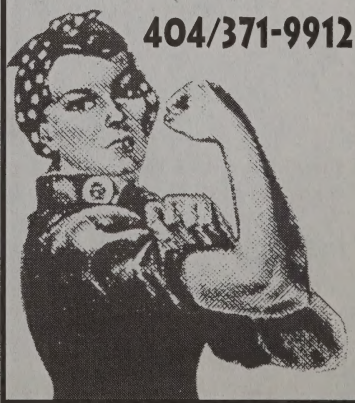

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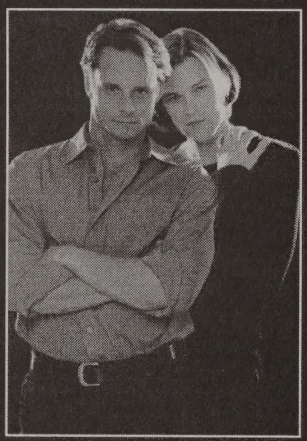

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The Phoenix

817 Ponce de Leon Avenue
(404) 892-7871

Phoenix is the fun spot on Ponce, a friendly crowd, entertaining to the newcomer. Pool table, juke box, and a large private deck. Free Sunday buffet and cookouts on the deck. Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 a.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-3 a.m., Sunday 12:30p.m.–4 a.m.

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992-B Piedmont Road (Ansley Square)
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Scandals

1510-G Piedmont Road (Ansley Square)
(404) 875-5957

Scandals is Ansley Square's "friendly" neighborhood bar. Pool table, dartboard, jukebox. Complimentary buffet every Sunday at 5 p.m. Open Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m.–4 a.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.–3 a.m., Sunday 12:30 p.m.–4 a.m. Home of the "Cajun" Bloody Mary.

Swinging Richards

1715 Northside Drive (at I-75)
(404) 355-6787
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All nude/all male cabaret. Continuous dancers open to close. Open Monday through Friday at 4:00 p.m., Saturday 2:00 p.m. Free buffet Mon–Fri 4 p.m.-8 p.m. $5.00 cover.

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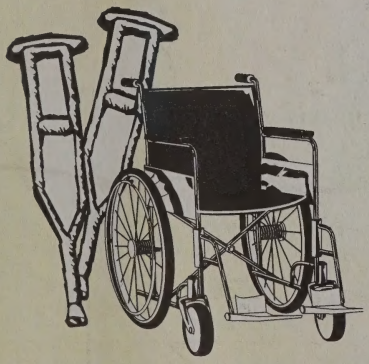

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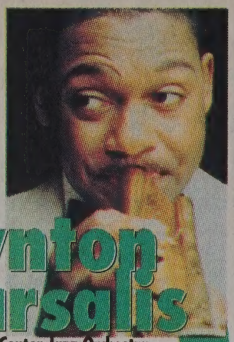

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Tuesday, June 30, 8pm
Arlo Guthrie
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Wed, July 1, 8pm
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with the ASO

Fri, July 3, 7:30pm
Little Feat & the Fabulous Thunderbirds

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Wed, July 8, 8pm
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Fri, July 10, 7:30pm
The Rippingtons
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Sat, July 11, 8pm
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Wed, July 15, 7pm
Swamp Romp
NEW ORLEANS FESTIVAL
with The Radiators, Wayne Toups & Royal Fingerbowl

Fri, July 17, 7:30pm
Jazz Explosion
featuring Rachelle Ferrell, George Duke & Friends

Sat, July 18, 7:30pm
Jonny Lang & Jimmie Vaughan

Wed, July 22, 8:30pm
The ASO plays the Music of Pink Floyd

Fri/Sat, July 24/25, 7:30pm
Mary Chapin Carpenter
with Joe Ely

Wed, July 29, 7:30pm
The Brian Setzer Orchestra
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Fri, July 31, 8:30pm
Sights & Sounds of the Silver Screen
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Everly Brothers

Wed, Aug 5, 7pm
Sawyer Brown & Toby Keith

Fri, Aug 7, 8pm
Art Garfunkel

Sat, Aug 8, 8pm
Peter, Paul & Mary

Wed, Aug 12, 8pm
Sergio Mendes
and Brazil 99
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Fri, Aug 14, 7pm
Ricky Skaggs
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Sat, Aug 15, 7:30pm
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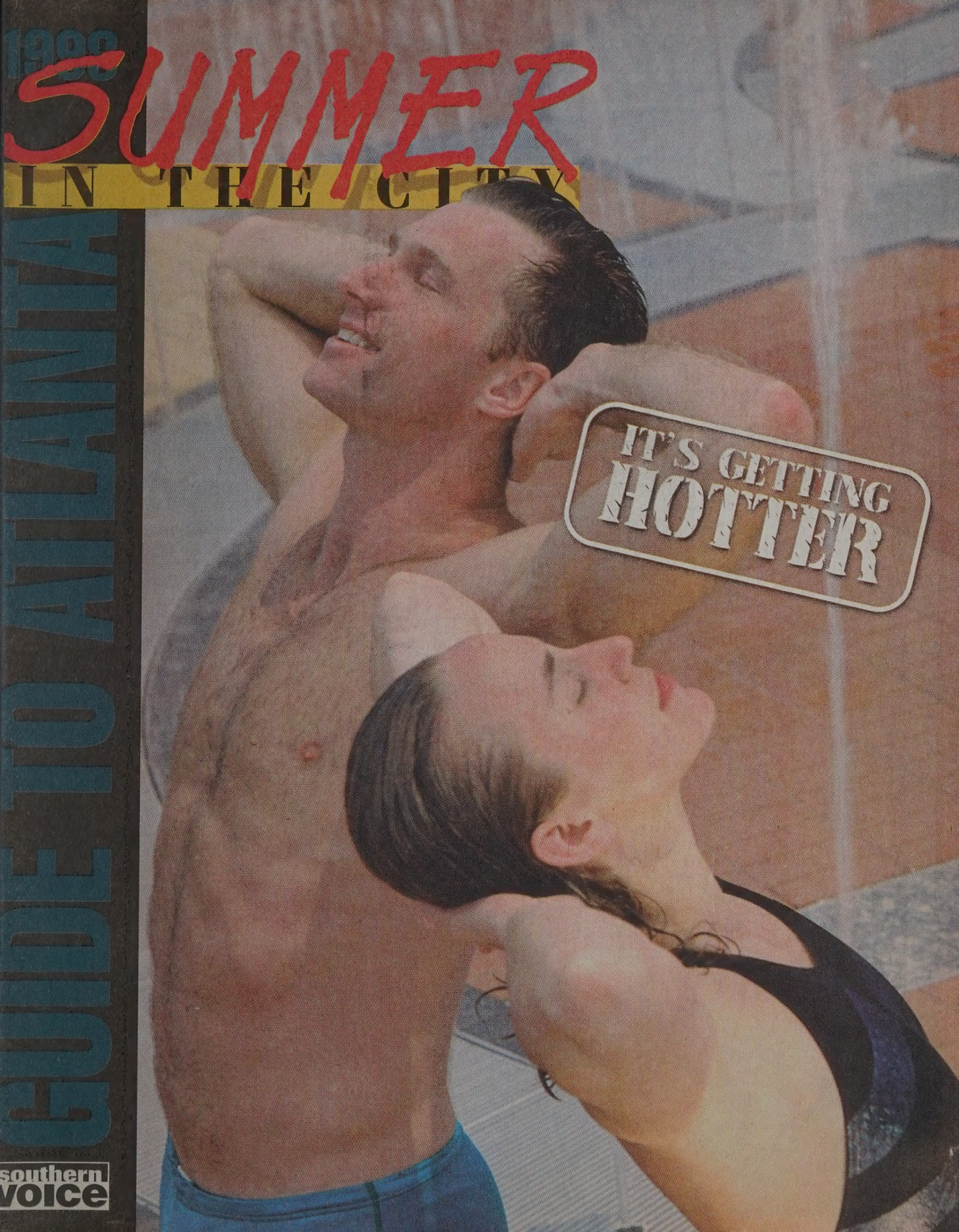
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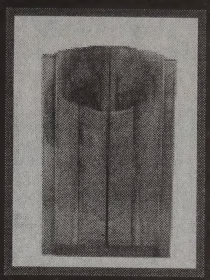
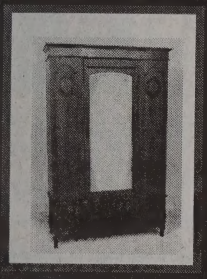

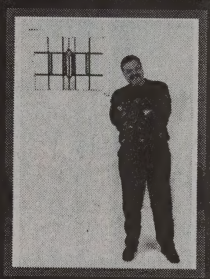

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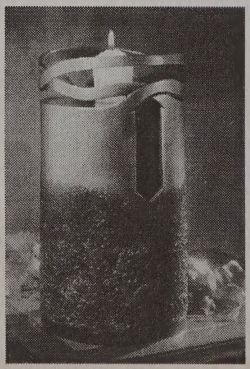

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In a city known for hot summers, this one's already a sizzler! And not because of El Niño. A gay scene that is already second-to-none has gone threw the roof this summer.

In case you missed it, our first edition of this year's Southern Voice Guide to Atlanta offered a comprehensive look at events big and small, gay and non-gay that we thought might appeal to someone of your, er, persuasion.

With this second edition of Summer in the City, it only gets hotter!

The stage is set for the massive Atlanta Pride Festival, and we've got the complete list of performers and a comprehensive schedule of official and unofficial events. The 20th anniversary Hotlanta River Expo has firmed up its 'Platinum' schedule, and you get a backstage glimpse at the internationally-known Mr. Hotlanta competition. All that, plus more details on Black Gay Pride, the summer theater's way gay bounty, and a complete entertainment calendar. Who could ask for more?

Well, there is more. The Centennial Olympic city will play host this summer to another global sporting event: the Gay Softball World Series. We've got all the details, as well as info other jock-n-jill stuff, including the famous Labor Day Peach Tennis Tournament, which will close out one hot Summer in the City.

Chris Crain
Publisher/Editor

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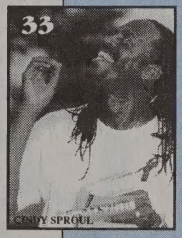

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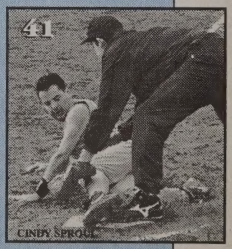

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BILL CAMPBELL
MAYOR

May 1, 1998

Greetings:

As Mayor of the City of Atlanta, I want to congratulate you on the third annual *Southern Voice Guide to Atlanta: "Summer in the City."*

This insider's guide to all of the many arts, sports, entertainment, recreational, and special events offered Atlanta's diverse communities should put the visitor at ease and comfortable while a guest in our great City.

Atlanta's media has been greatly enhanced by *Southern Voice.* Your growth and expansion are a tribute to the fine job you are doing, and your success is due in part to your dedicated staff and to the important community that has nurtured its growth for these past ten years. The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered Community is an integral part of our City, and the celebration of diversity only helps to establish and enhance our cultural relationships.

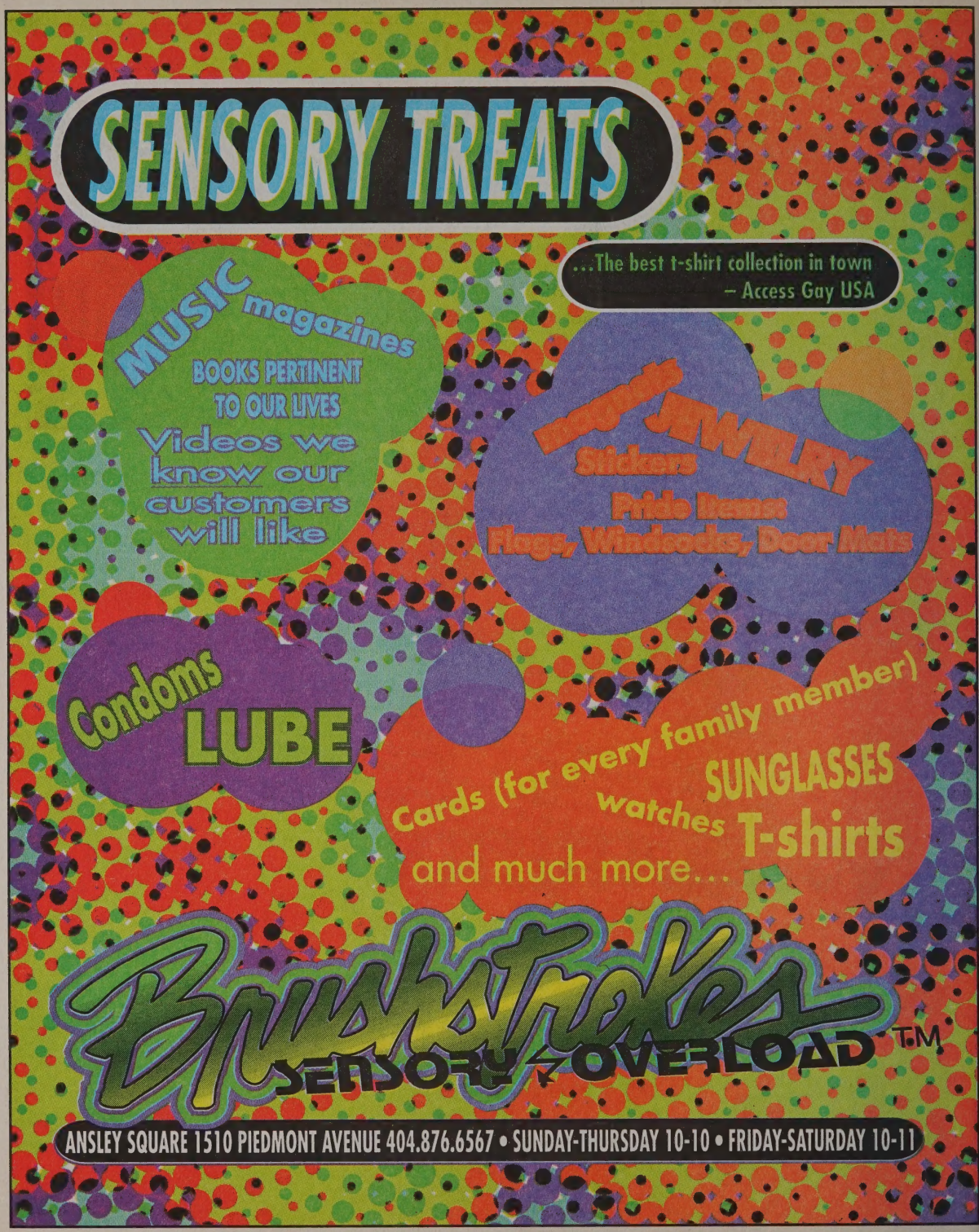
On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I extend best wishes for continued growth and success.

Sincerely,

Bill Campbell

CINDY SPROUL

Mayor Bill Campbell at Atlanta Pride '97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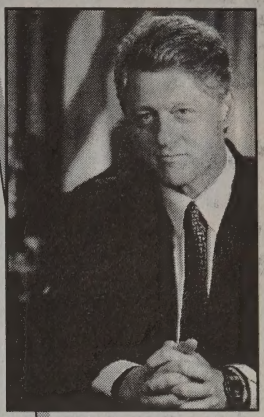

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GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE CELEBRATION, 1998

Warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 1998 Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration.

As Americans, we can be proud of our diversity. Striving together, people of different ethnicities, backgrounds, races, beliefs, and sexual orientation have contributed to the success of our nation, reflecting the profound truth that this rich diversity is one of our greatest strengths. But we must face the reality that sometimes our differences divide us; sometimes the voices of hatred and prejudice drown out the harmony in our national life. Events like the Pride Celebration help us to recognize anew that working in a spirit of community is not a hope but a necessity, and that our individual dreams can only be realized by our shared efforts.

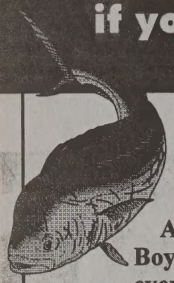
Our ideals and our history hold that the rights guaranteed us as Americans are inalienable. They are embedded in our Constitution and amplified over time by our courts and legislature, and I am bound by my oath of office and the burden of history to reaffirm them. Our nation stands to lose if we let prejudice and discrimination stifle the hopes or deny the potential of a single American. And we stand to lose when any person is denied or forced out of a job because of sexual orientation.

I commend each of you for your dedication to working for an America that celebrates our diversity, builds on our strength, and fulfills our fundamental values of mutual respect and compassion. Working together, I am confident that we can enter the 21st century as One America.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Bill Clinton

You can't get into the swim if you don't go into the pool.



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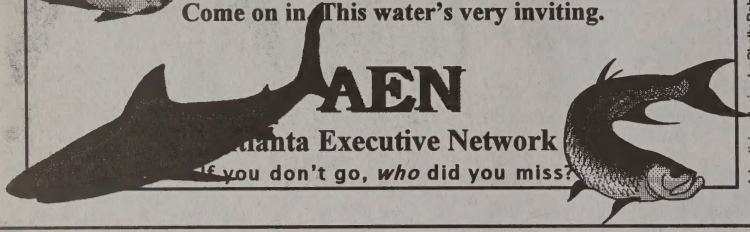

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Local talent tops Pride entertainment schedule

by LAURA BROWN

The entertainment line-up for this year's 28th annual Atlanta Pride celebration features everything from "Sox with Attitude," a set of "drag puppets that lip-sync disco songs," to R&B tunes by a group made up of two sets of identical twins.

Lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoffer, R&B recording artists Elusion and a long list of local talents top the Pride entertainer list, while speakers include transgendered race car drive Terry O'Connell, Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Kerry Lobel.

Acts returning from last year include Belloluna, Cooper Seay, Tory Beatty, and Superchick & Goodpussy. The festival will conclude with the traditional Sunday night drag cabaret.

Other performers may not be nationally known, but "what we do have is an incredible array of people who though they may not be famous, they certainly have all the quality of big-time performers," Miller continued.

"Diane Durett [who performs Friday and Sunday] is like a little white James Brown ... and Melissa Reaves, who I discovered up in North Carolina, sounds like Janis Joplin resurrected." Reaves is scheduled to perform Sunday evening.

Friday night's mood will be more mellow, with a variety of funk, R&B and blues performers, Miller said. Entertainers include Sonia Leigh, Soul Miner's Daughter, Diane Durrett and Francine Reed.

Kids Activities

While in previous years Pride's Saturday morning performers have been geared to children, Miller said this year all main stage performers will focus on the festival's primarily adult audience. Separate children's activities will be available on Saturday in a fenced-area near the stage, Pride Executive Director Donna Narducci said.

CINDY SPROUL

"We're getting a lot of help from the community to run the Kiddie Camp, and we'll bring in a sandbox, have some face-painting, and get some Pride T-shirts in kid's sizes that they can paint on," she said.

Special gay youth event

Another special entertainment block will help youth who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered themselves. Doria Roberts, Josh Joplin, Swawn Mullins and other artists who performed on a CD to benefit YouthPride, a support organization for young people ages 13-24, will take the stage between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Entitled "Thrive," the benefit CD will be on sale during Pride at YouthPride's tent.

CINDY SPROUL

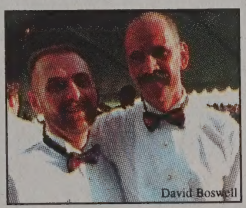
28th Annual Atlanta Pride Festival, Piedmont Park

Schedule of official and related events

Friday

Commitment Ceremony

6:45 p.m., Special Events Center, Piedmont Park (by the lake)


David Boswell

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender couples wishing to pledge their commitment to each other are invited to participate in this public commitment ceremony. Couples should arrive by 6:15 p.m. No pre-registration is required, and there is no charge for the ceremony. Each couple will be presented with a certificate of their commitment following this non-denominational ceremony. A photographer will be available for a fee. Reception will follow.

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PRIDE FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

6:00-10:00 p.m., Main Stage, Piedmont Park

A cavalcade of local and national musicians and entertainers will perform in the park throughout the weekend. Schedule is subject to change or cancellation without notice, Pride officials said.

6-8 p.m.

Sandra Valls
Sonia Leigh
Francine Reed
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8-10 p.m.

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Saturday

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8:00 a.m., Grant Park

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Unity in the Community Pride Breakfast

8:30 a.m., Mary Mac's Restaurant, Ponce de Leon.

All you can eat breakfast sponsored by the boards of the Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center and the Atlanta Lambda Center. Advance tickets are $12 for individuals or $10 per person for groups of six or more. Admission at the door is $15. For more information, call (404) 266-8238 or e-mail HFTaylor@aol.com

PRIDE FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Main Stage, Piedmont Park

Schedule subject to change without notice.

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cast of Cowgirls
The Bees Knees
Carly Arrowsmith
speaker: Jeff Graham,
AIDS Survival Project executive director
Sonia Tetlow
Gracie & the Slipcovers
Love Apple

2-5 p.m.

Captain Deneuve
Belloluna
Pagan Holliday
speaker: Terry O'Connell,
transgendered NASCAR driver
Uncle Mark Reynolds
Stimulants
Medangione

Gracie & the Slipcovers

5-8 p.m.:

Glass Candle Grenade
Cooper Seay
Order of Dying Knights
One Without
The Gospel Echoes
Kevin Snow

8 p.m.-?

Suzanne Westenhoffer

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Dyke March

6:00 p.m., Starts from Main Stage, Piedmont Park

CINDY SPROUL

Dykes of all colors and kinds gather up, bang drums, shed shirts and take a loud and proud stroll on the streets around Piedmont Park. If you've never seen it, don't miss it. If you're a dyke, feel free to join in.

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Just Pride 98

9:00 p.m.-?, Yaarab Shrine Temple, 400 Ponce De Leon Ave., N.E.

Expect lots of buff circuit boys to be packing the Yaarab Shrine Temple on Saturday night to grind to tunes spun by two local DJs (Marc MacEwan and Billy Justi). Just Pride is not an official Atlanta Pride event; no proceeds will go to non-profit organizations. Tickets are $40 in advance, $50 at the door.

Storm II: the rainbow after

Sunday, 3 a.m.-10 a.m., 708 Spring St. (corner of Spring & Third)

The private promoters bringing you Just Pride also have something in mind for afterward: an after-hours event featuring DJ St. Peter (NYC) to keep the party going until well after dawn. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door.

Sunday

Unity Through Diversity Pride Celebration Sunday Service

8:45 a.m., Christ Covenant Metropolitan Community Church, 109 Hibernia Avenue, Decatur.

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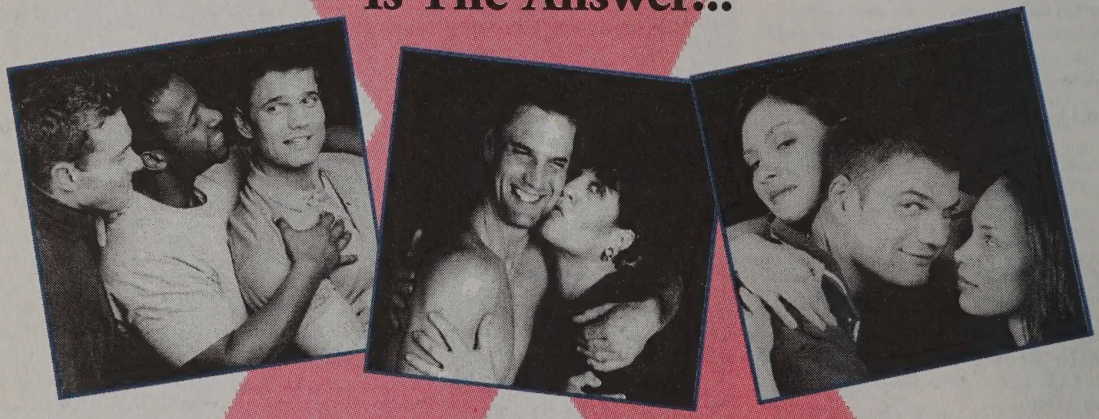

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Josh Joplin
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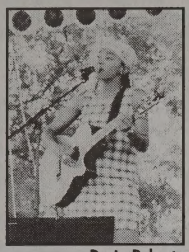
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2 p.m.-5 p.m.
Halcyon
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speakers: White House staffer Paul Yandura, Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell
Sox with Attitude
Diane Durrett
Elusion
speaker: Kerry Lobel, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force executive director
Elvira Kurt

5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
speakers: Atlanta Pride Committee
Tory Beatty
speaker: Cathy Woolard, Atlanta City Council District 6
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7:30 p.m.-?
Drag Cabaret Finale

Atlanta Pride Parade

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Everyone in the community is invited to march in the parade or watch as the full flower of the Atlanta community proceeds up Peachtree Street and into Piedmont Park. Organizations who wish to enter a float or vehicle in the parade should contact the Atlanta Pride office as soon as possible.

The 1998 Female Grand Marshal is Joan Garner. Executive Director of the Fund for Southern Communities until 1997, Joan is the newly appointed Acting Executive Director of National Network of Grantmakers. The 1998 Male Grand Marshal is Michael Edwards. Executive Director of Project Open Hand from 1988 to 1989, he also served as president of POH in 1990 and 1991, and is currently a member of the Advisory Board.

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Repeal Georgia's sodomy law

(From an editorial in the Atlanta Journal/Constitution Jan. 20, 1998)

Georgia's sodomy law has no reason to exist, other than to provide a legalistic excuse for discriminating against gay citizens. The archaic law, which prohibits consenting adults from having oral or anal sex in private, should have been thrown out years ago.

Fortunately, Sen. Steve Langford, the LaGrange Democrat running for governor, has proposed Senate Bill 442 to decriminalize sexual acts between consenting adults acting in private.

If common sense were to guide the General Assembly, this bill would pass unanimously. The old law cannot be enforced fairly unless the state is prepared to put a police officer in every bedroom. One can reasonably assume that a significant number of lawmakers have themselves engaged in forms of love-making that should have landed them in jail under the existing law.

So why have a law that millions of Georgians routinely break and that cannot be enforced? Because people who want to discriminate against gays need it as their flimsy excuse.

That's exactly what former Attorney General Mike Bowers did in 1991 when he withdrew a job offer extended to lawyer Robin Shahar. After he discovered she was a lesbian, he said her employment would create a conflict with Georgia's sodomy law. Bowers never attempted to find out whether the heterosexual members of his staff ever engaged in oral sex because he was not interested in discriminating against them. He used the law only to target a homosexual.

Langford's introduction of this repeal bill is an act of political courage. His opponents may use his position on the sodomy law to paint him as some wild libertine.

In fact, Langford is demonstrating leadership and a respect for privacy. His push to repeal the sodomy law deserves full support.

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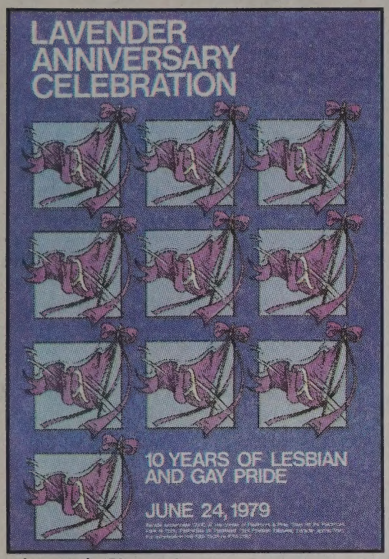
History Thing keeps Pride focused on Stonewall roots



Atlanta Pride '79 poster.

by TERRY MURPHY

While everyone who joins in the Atlanta Pride celebrations each June knows the weekend is a great party and feel-good event, many of us forget that the string of nationwide Pride events actually are living memorials to an historic event: the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City that gave rise to the gay civil rights movement.

To keep that important historic aspect front and center, Atlanta Pride this year has invited the Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing to mount a major exhibition of gay historical artifacts in large tent in the center of the weekend celebration.

"Many people don't know that Pride commemorates Stonewall," Pride Executive Director Donna Narducci said, "and it's very important for all of us, especially young people, to be reminded of that."

The Atlanta Lesbian and Gay History Thing has always had a presence of some sort at the Pride weekend festivities, says Maria Helena Dolan, well-known columnist, author and longtime Atlanta activist. "We've always had at least a table or something, and each year it has gotten more elaborate."

Dolan said the core members of the History Thing had been discussing an expanded Pride effort this year when, coincidentally, Pride approached them with the very same idea.

Many of us forget that Pride events actually are living memorials to an historic event: the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City .

Working with Pride community liaison Sara Look, it was decided that with the proper facilities and security, the History Thing would mount an historical exhibition in a 30-foot-by-30-foot tent that would include actual historic artifacts and representations of important photographs and documents relating to the development of the Atlanta lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the years since Stonewall.

"We're calling it "Partying, Parading and Politicking," says Dolan. "Aside from displaying

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our taste for alliteration, we decided that title embodied a lot of what the community has striven for in the last couple of decades. We like to party, to have a good time, but we like to be out front though, and that's the Parading part. Politicking we've always done, but we're doing it more openly now. So we're going to have a potpourri, kaleidoscope thing, featuring items from our collection, which has gotten pretty large."

Among the artifacts will be memorabilia from the first Mr. Hotlanta, Jimmy Gray, 1978. "We're trying to find his Speedo trunks," says Dolan, with a laugh. There will also be items from early gay organizations such as '70s-era T-shirts from Atlanta Venture Sports.

Final decisions about what items from the collection will be displayed or represented in the park have yet to be made, she said. Decisions will also be influenced by practical matters. The collection includes the very first city proclamation honoring Pride, which was extremely controversial at the time. "We actually have that document, but if we include it, we'd probably use a photocopy since we would not want to risk damaging it."

Atlanta Pride '82 parade.

"When I came out in '73 or whenever it was, I was pretty sure I was the only one," Dolan said. "There wasn't a gay community that was open and out there that I could plug into. I had to sort of ferret it out. For many years, that involved discovering the secret homosexual this and that." And documenting that change in culture is what the History Thing is all about, she says.

"Looking at my own life, a lot of the guys I did politics with in the '70s are dead, or moved somewhere or other," Dolan says. "It's real important that some of that be preserved … At the same time, a few months back I was interviewing a woman who was born in Grady Hospital in the '20s—[she] came out during World War II and she's been out ever since. Today is a whole different world.

"A lot of times, people ended up hospitalized, insane, killed themselves or whatever. We can really move away from that, and we have moved away from that. And to me, the History Thing is part of that whole journey, preserving it and continuing the forward momentum."

Volunteers from the History Thing will be at the exhibit in the park during Pride to hand out information and sign up new members, she said. Meanwhile, interested persons can contact the organization by calling (404) 377-5730. Meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of the month at Atlanta Gay Center.

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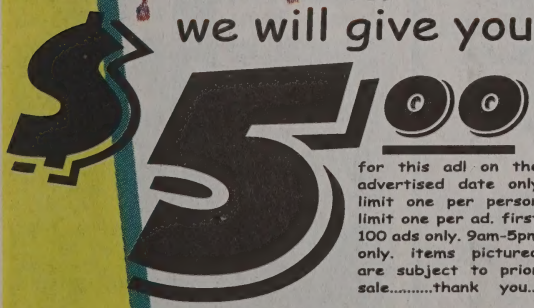

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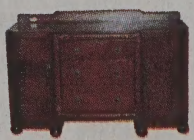
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It's a jungle out there!

Joining Hearts' 'Rain Forest' coming July 18

by DAVID GOLDMAN

Atlanta's trippy, frog-filled Rio Shopping Mall will be the setting for Joining Hearts' "Rain Forest" bash on July 18 from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Now in its 11th year, the annual dance party raises funds to assist Atlantans living with HIV/AIDS.

"It's a chance to enjoy a good time and excellent music in a spectacular setting with decorations," said Roger Fleming, publicity committee chair.

DJs Buc and Lydia Prim will spin for the party, where guests will be treated to an open bar and a buffet.

Joining Hearts' history is a story of community involvement. In 1988, a small group of people staged a black-tie cocktail party to raise funds for AIDS housing. Delighted by the $12,500 they took in, the activists decided to make the event an annual one.

Seven years ago, the party made the leap from a small affair to a large one held at Zoo Atlanta. Since then, Joining Hearts has continued to grow. Last year, it attracted 800 revelers, and to date it has raised $330,000 for AIDS causes. In 1990 Joining Hearts incorporated as a tax-exempt, not-for-profit Georgia corporation.

Joining Hearts' president is Mark Addison, and its event chair is Jeff Sobeck. The 50 members of the Joining Hearts host committee pay dues of $150 per person. This money, together with sponsorships and merchandise sales, funds the event, allowing

INFO

Joining Hearts

Who: Joining Hearts

What: Rain Forest party

When: Saturday, July 18, 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Where: Rio Shopping Mall, North Ave. at Piedmont

How Much: $35 in advance, $40 at the door

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Last year's Joining Hearts brought out a colorful, fun-loving crowd.

100 percent of ticket income to go directly to the targeted AIDS service organizations.

In the past, Joining Hearts has benefited Joining Hearts Home, a Little Five Points-area residence administered by AID Atlanta, and Jerusalem House. Although the board of directors will not allocate this year's donations until after the party, Fleming said he anticipates no changes in the beneficiaries.

Tickets may be purchased at Outwrite Bookstore and Coffeehouse, The Boy Next Door, Brushstrokes, E-D's Gourmet Records and The Candle Bar.

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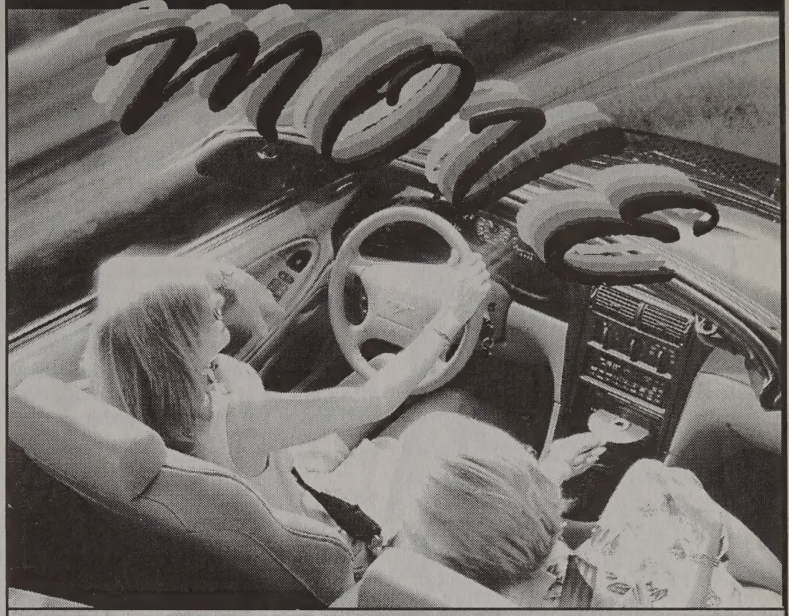

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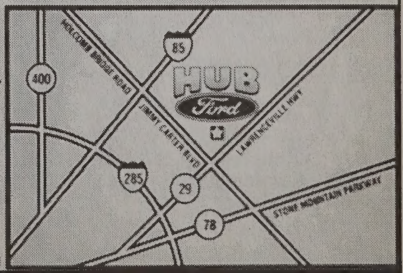

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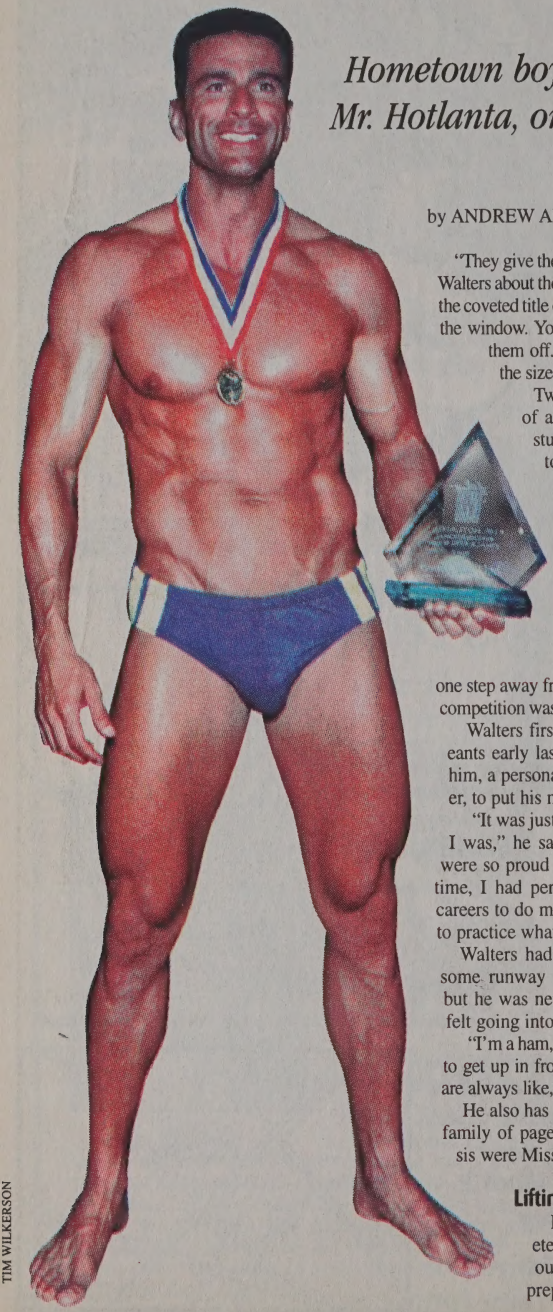

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Hometown boy Chris Walters offers a back-stage look at Mr. Hotlanta, one of the nation's largest gay male pageants

by ANDREW ALEXANDER

"They give the contestants one room," says Chris Walters about the memorable night he competed for the coveted title of Mr. Hotlanta. "Modesty goes out the window. You're pulling on clothes and taking them off. There's about 25 guys in a space the size of a refrigerator."

Twenty-five buff guys in the space of a refrigerator may sound like the stuff of gay fantasy come true, but to hear Walters tell it, there are plenty of ups and downs to participating in one of the nation's biggest (and most intense) gay male beauty competitions.

Walters, who lives in Atlanta, was Mr. Georgia for 1997, and as first-runner up for Mr. Hotlanta 1997, he was just one step away from the brass ring. He says that the competition was intense, but for the most part civil.

Walters first decided to compete in the pageants early last year. He says it was a way for him, a personal trainer and motivational speaker, to put his money where his mouth was.

"It was just a way for me to be proud of who I was," he says. "I liked the fact that people were so proud of the city, too. And at the same time, I had personal goals. I had just changed careers to do my personal training. It was a way to practice what I preach."

Walters had done a few modeling sessions, some runway work and some fashion shows, but he was new to the pageant scene. Still, he felt going into it that he'd be a natural.

"I'm a ham," he says and laughs. "I always like to get up in front of people and entertain. People are always like, 'I can't believe you did that!'"

He also has the genes for it. He comes from a family of pageant competitors—both mom and sis were Miss America contestants.

Lifting and eating

Right after New Year's, he ratcheted up the intensity of his workouts and started getting mentally prepared for the competition.

"I'm a gym guru anyway. That's my stress release for the day," he says. "I didn't really have to change my workout too much as far as preparation—up until the last month or two." Mid-City Fitness, his sponsor, provided him with his own personal trainer.

"People rallied behind me," he said. "Friends and family really supported me. There were times when my boyfriend was pulling his hair out. I was eating broccoli and chicken three times a day, and he was, too!"

"I'm a ham," he says and laughs. "I always like to get up in front of people and entertain. People are always like, 'I can't believe you did that!'"

The first step to the contest was the Mr. Georgia pageant, held a few months before Hotlanta at the old Club March, where the winner would go on to compete for the title of Mr. Hotlanta.

Walters was scheduled to compete against several friends from the gym, and he says it was motivational, seeing them workout before the competition.

"I'd see them working and say, 'My God, I need to work harder!'" he says. "We all had a lot of fun."

For the contest, each contestant had to choose an outfit or costume that represented the theme of Atlanta pride. Walters' choice, the winning outfit, was an Atlanta Braves uniform.

His mother and sister, the ones who had also been beauty pageant contestants, came to watch Walters compete for the Mr. Georgia title.

"It was actually a long-time goal of mine to get up on stage like my sister and mom had done," Walters says with a laugh.

Afterward, they all sat down and watched the tapes of his winning competition. The ex-beauty contestants offered pointers about improving his act for the bigger stakes that lay ahead.

"I got all this wonderful advice from my mother and sister," he says. "They told me I looked stiff and told me to loosen up."

The Main Event

After a few more short months of preparation, it was time for the main event: Mr. Hotlanta.

Candidates met and saw each other for the first time on competition day. They met at the parking deck above the Nike Pavillion, where the contest was to take place, with downtown Atlanta as a backdrop.

Chris says the enthusiasm of the contestants varied. Some took the competition seriously, while others seemed to have entered on a lark.

"A couple guys were really nonchalant about it," he says. "I really wanted to win. For me, I wanted to prove that I could do it. I gave it a hundred percent."

Contestants from other parts of the country were sponsored by local bars in other major metropolitan areas.

"I don't think a lot of the cities take it as seriously as we do," he says. "Maybe it's because we're down here in pageant mecca!"

Although Walters says the egos in that refrigerator-sized room remained civil for the most part, the competition was still intense.

"It's like any competition," he says. "You're kind of sizing everyone up—no pun intended! There were three or four guys I knew were going to be pretty stiff competition."

For the opening of the contest, all the contestants came out in the same outfit: black jeans and a white river race T-shirt. Then the swimsuit contest, where each contestant wore Speedo trunks. Walters says the support of friends and family was crucial to his performance.

"I had a group of ladies from my office, my family members were there. They'd come over to the holding area and give me the thumbs up and tell me I looked great. On stage I couldn't see a thing because of the lights. I couldn't see three feet in front of me."

The biggest, most important part of the contest was the "fantasy" segment.

Each contestant acted out their male fantasy, and played it out for five to seven minutes. Walters designed his fantasy segment to fit in with last year's HRE theme: Renaissance and the Creation of Adam.

Amid smoke and lights, Chris emerged on stage as Adam, clad only in a fig leaf. He walked around the garden of Eden and was 'led into the temptation' of biting an apple by a 25 foot snake.

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Walters chose to re-tell Adam's temptation by the snake for his "fantasy" performance.

"It was fantasy," Chris says and laughs about his skimpy costume. "A little skin doesn't hurt. I wanted to use a real snake, but it was gonna be a lot of headaches. A friend of mine who makes mascot costumes for sports teams made me a boa constrictor. It was 25 feet long, stuffed with bird seed so it weighed about 30 pounds. Another friend did the voice over."

Other contestants did sailors, mechanics, cowboys.

"During the contest, we didn't have much of a choice but to watch each other," he says. "Some of the people from out of town were blown away by how much energy there was in the competition."

The contestant who won did a trapeze act. "No one knew what he was going to do until he got on stage," says Walters. "There were these cables and wires over the stage, and we just thought it was part of the backdrop. Next thing we knew this guy was flying around like Peter Pan."

Walters says that although contestants bonded during the contest, he had little contact with them afterwards.

"We all went our separate ways," he said. "I can't say I'm a pen pal with any of the guys."

Walters won $500 for Mr. Georgia, and $1500 for placing first-runner up in Mr. Hotlanta.

"But the best prize was definitely the support of the people in the community," he says.

And the winners were ... 1st Runner-up, Chris Walters, Mr. Hotlanta '97 Brandon Sanford, and 2nd Runner-up Gabriel Santiago. The trio is flanked by Mr. Hotlanta '96 Juan Pablo Zuluaga (Atlanta).

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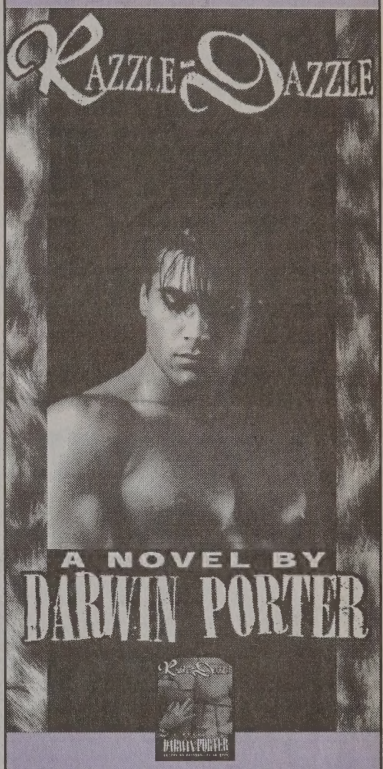

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Thursday, August 6

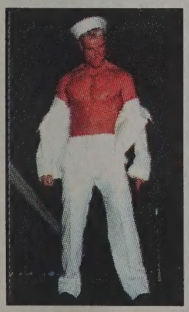
Miss Hotlanta Contest: 'Platinum Divas'
8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m., Sheraton Colony Square Ballroom

This elegant evening of glamorous competition and special entertainment features judging on presentation, talent and the ability to tie the act into this year's theme, the Platinum 20th Anniversary of HRE.

Miss Victory party
11:00 p.m.-2 a.m., The Armory, 835 Juniper St., (404) 881-9280

Friday, August 7

Mr. Hotlanta Contest: 'Pure Metal'
contest: 8:00 p.m.-10 p.m., Fox Theatre, 660 Peachtree St. (404) 249-6400
dance: 10 p.m.-3 a.m., Fox Theatre



The international Mr. Hotlanta competition pits buff boys from around the globe in the stiffest of competitions. Contestants are judged in formal wear, swim wear, and in a "fantasy" presentation. This year, a dance will follow the competition, with DJ Lydia Prim from New Orleans spinning the tunes.

Mr. After Party
3:00 a.m.-?, Backstreet, 845 Peachtree St. (404) 873-1986

Saturday, August 8

The River: 'Quicksilver'
9:30 a.m., Chattahoochie River

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The Party: 'Platinum Party'
10:00 p.m.-7 a.m., Sheraton Colony Square Ballroom

The biggest of the HRE parties, this one is expected to attract thousands of men and women, who will boogie to the very best music (DJ Victor Calderone of NYC), lighting and decor.

Sunday, August 9

Brunch: 'Rise & Shine'
1:00 p.m.-3 a.m., Sheraton Colony Square

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T-Dance: 'Reflective Sunday'
4 p.m.-10 p.m., location TBA

The closing ceremonies will feature DJ Rick Mitchell from Miami, and offers one last chance to party with friends new and old. ...

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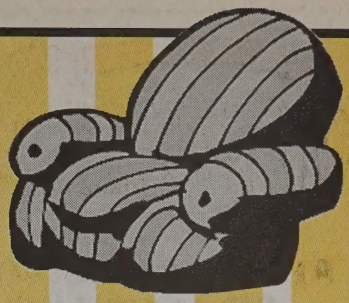

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Theater scene heats up with late summer offerings

by JIM FARMER

In the lazy, carefree days of summer, it may seem like most local theaters are at half mast, but a close look around reveals a variety of enticing offerings.

Three of the most anticipated productions are Actor's Express' take on the beloved "Auntie Mame," Dark Night Express' "Six From the Rainbow," spotlighting six gay and lesbian playwrights, and Solo Productions' "The 24th Day," starring part-time Atlantan Mitchell Anderson [see related stories].

Neighborhood Playhouse's sister theater, Discovery Arena, tends to do nervier, riskier shows than its mainstage counterpart, and will host the Atlanta debut of Terrence McNally's **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**, July 9 through Aug. 22. This Tony Award-winning musical chronicles an unlikely relationship between two jailed men, one a homosexual with a vivid imagination, the other a political revolutionary.

Neighborhood Playhouse will present Ken Ludwig's theatrical comedy **MOON OVER BUFFALO**, which ran on Broadway with Carol Burnett, July 9 through Aug. 16. (Marietta's Theater in the Square presented its take on the comedy earlier this winter).

ALWAYS... PATSY CLINE, at Theatre in the Square July 7 through Aug. 9, covers the early career of the late, legendary country performer, and traces the relationship she had with one fan, chiefly through correspondence. A third of the way into the play, the theater turns into a honky-tonk bar in which performers interact with the audience. According to marketing director Andy Orrell, the musical covers virtually all of Cline's hits, from "Crazy" to "I Fall to Pieces."

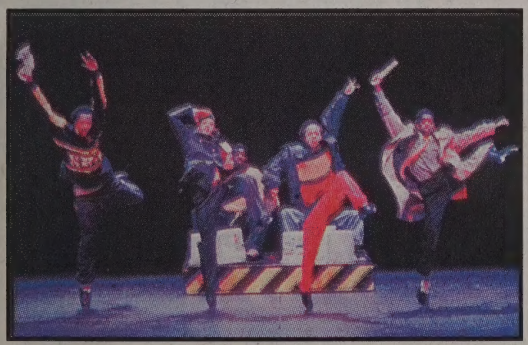
Not surprisingly, Theatre in the Square's summer schedule also features a return engagement of its popular musical favorite **SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN** on the Kennesaw campus, July 28 through Aug. 16. "Smoke on the Mountain" is described as a bluegrass-gospel musical in which the audience actually becomes the congregation of a rural church.

The summer production from gay-friendly Horizon Theatre ("The Food Chain," "Cupid's Bones") will be **COWGIRLS**, directed by veteran Heidi Cline and starring Rebekah Baty ("Wonderful Town"), through Aug. 16. The show, according to artistic director Lisa Adler, is a comedy about three classically-trained musicians who must grit their teeth and pretend to be country and western stars. One of the characters is a lesbian.

Theater of the Stars' annual summer musical campaign continues with **OKLAHOMA**, from July 7-12; **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMBOAT,** July 21-26; the Tony Award-winning **BRING IN DA NOISE, BRING IN DA FUNK**, July 28-Aug. 2; and **CAMELOT**, starring Robert Goulet, Aug. 18-23.

Other interesting productions of the summer include Shakespeare Tavern's "Pericles," considered one of the Bard's neglected romances, July 11 - August 22, and three entrees from the Georgia Shakespeare Festival: **HENRY IV, PART 1**, currently playing; Moliere's comic **THE MISER**, opening in late June; and **MEASURE FOR MEASURE**, opening July 10. These three productions rotate throughout the summer.

And before you know it, fall will be back, and Atlanta's ever-busy theatre scene will be hyperactive with premieres and heavy competition.



BRING IN DA NOISE, BRING IN DA FUNK will be a special co-presentation of the Theater of the Stars, MasterCard Broadway Series and the National Black Arts Festival.

'Auntie Mame' sure to please gay audiences

A virtual magnet for gay audiences, Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee's comedy is the tale of the outrageous **AUNTIE MAME**, whose philosophy is "Life's a banquet and most of these poor suckers are starving to death." After Mame inherits her ten-year-old nephew Patrick, she goes about changing his life forever.

Starring in "Mame" are (left to right) Gene Duyle, Kathi Welch and Mark Gray.

The play was the basis for the 1958 film, which starred Rosalind Russell in a signature role and is "right up there with 'All About Eve' and 'The Women' as gay favorites," according to director Chris Coleman. " I don't know exactly why we love 'Mame' so much - maybe because she is so outrageous, or so over the top, or because she is so funny."

Nonetheless, Coleman said what drew him to the project, beside his love of that era's "innocent and uncynical" work (Actor's Express has staged "Oklahoma" and "Wonderful Town" recently), was the fact that "it holds up so well. The struggle between left and right is something that is as clear then as it is now. It's totally appropriate for our time."

Despite rumors, Coleman is not starring as "Mame" (that honor goes to Actor's Express vet Kathi Welch, most recently seen in "Candida,") although he has jokingly been told by some he should. What Coleman does promise are "some undisclosed surprises," and the novelty of seeing 12 different actors and actresses take on more than 60 roles.

INFO

Auntie Mame

When: Through July 19, 8 p.m. Thu-Sat, 7 p.m. Sun

Where: Actor's Express, King Plow Arts Center

How much: $20

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Summer Theater

Mitchell Anderson will co-star in this psycho sexual drama.

Anderson takes on 'The 24th Day'

THE 24th DAY, by Solo Productions, is a psycho-sexual drama that will star part-time Atlantan Mitchell Anderson, star of Fox Television's "Party of Five," and Chad Darnell, late of Labyrinth Productions.

After Darnell left Labyrinth to start his own company, Solo Productions, he opted to do this play and chased and cajoled Anderson until the actor agreed to co-star. The play has only been produced once, in Los Angeles a few summers ago with Peter Berg and Noah Wylie.

Darnell desribes it as a cat and mouse thriller, about the issue of power and who has it. "The 24th Day" revolves around Tom (Anderson) who brings "trick" David (Darnell) home. Anderson's sexually ambiguous character claims he has only been with a handful of men, while Darnell's openly-gay character has been around the block a few times. Tom eventually kidnaps David and takes him hostage, explaining to his prisoner that he has just tested HIV-positive.

Darnell describes his role as "a very sexually aggressive and manipulative creature." He also likes the fact that there are several twists and dimensions to the characters, and despite some actions, says neither of the two are "psychotic or crazy." Although the play is hard-hitting and suspenseful, according to Darnell, "there is a pretty steamy kiss between the two characters." Lawrence Keller ("The Food Chain") will direct.

INFO

The 24th Day
When: July 10-26
Where: 7 Stages
Contact: (404) 794-6930

Summer Theater

Playwrights and actors participating in "Six from the Rainbow"

'Six From the Rainbow' features gay playwrights

Started last year as a way to celebrate gay and lesbian playwrights, the "Six From the Rainbow" festival is back under the arms of Dark Night Express, performed on the Actor's Express stage at King Plow Arts Center.

This year's festival features six new plays, each less than 20 minutes. Evening one (the red, orange and yellow colors of the flag) consists of "Custom and Conscience," by Rebecca Ranson, which explores the forbidden love between civil rights activist Lillian Smith and horseback instructor Paula Snelling, at a youth camp for women; "On Buying a Condo (Couple's Guide)," Steve Murray's comic look at the steps involved in buying a home; and "Waiting Room," by Frank Blocker, in which two extremely different gay men, one a businessman, the other a young student, await their HIV tests.

Evening two (the green, blue and purple colors) is comprised of "Femme Fantasia," by Shirlene Holmes, a look at the connection between nurturing, love and lust; Rob Nixon's "Under the Water," in which a young woman finds secrets about a friend as she digs around in his apartment; and Jim Grimsley's "On the Appearance of a Fire in the West," described as a story of "sexual tension and role-playing" as a boy meets a girl for a romantic tryst on a warfield.

The six plays will be running four weeks, concurrently with "Auntie Mame."

INFO

Six From the Rainbow

When: Through July 15, 8 p.m., Mon-Wed

Where: Actor's Express, King Plow Arts Center

How much: $8

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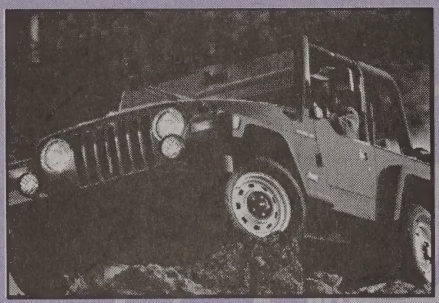

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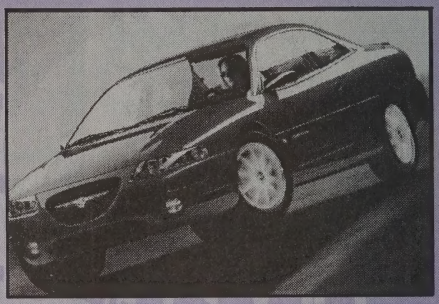

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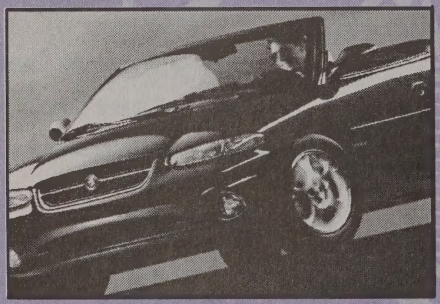

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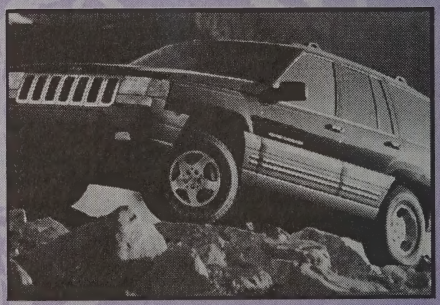

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Black Gay Pride Celebration '98

Thousands coming to Atlanta for Labor Day Weekend events

by TERRY MURPHY

In The Life Atlanta (ITLA) is in its third year as coordinator of Atlanta's annual Labor Day Black Pride Celebration, and this year's edition of the traditional weekend celebration promises to be a memorable one.

For many years, lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders of color have been flocking to Atlanta over Labor Day for a spontaneous celebration of being "In the Life."

ITLA was formed to bring some structure to the celebration, and to expand the weekend's festivities to include some spiritual, cultural and health-related events.

The phrase "In the Life" is a self-identifying term used by African-American lesbians, bisexuals, gays and transgendered people since the Harlem Renaissance. The organization's name "gives well-deserved respect to our ancestors; reclaims our past; promotes self-empowerment through self-definition, and promotes unity."

In coalition with existing and emerging people of color organizations, ITLA informs, educates and empowers lesbians, bisexuals, gays, and transgender and identity-questioning people, as well as others of African descent, concerning HIV/AIDS and lesbian health issues.

Proceeds from Black Gay Pride Atlanta '98 will go to local charities selected by ITLA.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL EVENTS

The weekend will also feature a variety of related events sponsored by bars, independent party organizers and community service organizations. Information on these related events was incomplete at press time. Keep an eye on the ITLA website (address below) for more information as it becomes available.

Thursday, September 3

Candlelight Vigil

***When**: Evening*
***Where**: (tentatively) Martin Luther King Center, Auburn Avenue*
***Cost**: free*

Last year, some 200 participants gathered at the shrine and memorial to the slain civil rights leader for a moving candlelight memorial service dedicated to the memory of all African-Americans who have been lost in the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Friday, September 4

Welcome Reception

***When**: Evening*
***Where**: Wyndham Midtown Atlanta*
***Cost**: free (cash bar)*

This festive mixer brings together Black Pride weekend participants from all over America (and overseas) for a chance to meet new people, greet old friends and get filled in on a wide variety of official and related weekend events. The reception and other weekend events will be centered at a midtown hotel (name and location to be announced).

Saturday, September 5

Cultural Arts Festival, Health Fair and Video/Film Festival

***When**: All Day*
***Where**: Black Pride Weekend host hotel (to be announced)*
***Cost**: Free*

The Arts Festival is a day-long celebration of the artistic achievements and contributions of various members of the African-American gay community. A detailed list of performances will be announced. The concurrent Health Fair will provide a wide variety of information about HIV/AIDS and lesbian health issues.

Sunday, September 6

Interfaith Service

***When**: TBA*
***Where**: Hosted by Unity Fellowship Church of Atlanta*
***Cost**: Free*

A non-denominational worship service that brings the weekend to a spiritual close. Last year's service was sponsored by three Atlanta congregations that cater to the African-American gay community.

Black Pride Weekend Family Reunion Picnic

***When**: Daytime (exact hours to be announced)*
***Where**: (tentatively) Piedmont Park*
***Cost**: Free*

One of the most anticipated events of the weekend, organizers are hoping for better weather this year (after rain in '96 and '97). Join ITLA for a classic "Family" Reunion. Play games, volleyball, rollerblade, skate, or just enjoy the view. Bring your picnic, music, and your family and get down with Black Gay Pride!

INFO

***Host**: In The Life Atlanta, 828 W. Peachtree, Suite 207, Atlanta GA 30308*
***Contact**: Pride line (404) 872-6410*
***Web page**: www.inthelifeatl.com*
***Host hotel**: Wyndham Midtown Atlanta*
***Reservations**: (404) 873-4800 or 1-800-Wyndham. (Special rates available for people registering through "Black Gay Pride")*

Black Pride remembers Tony Daniels

ATLANTA—Many Black Pride weekend attendees will be remembering Tony Daniels, a well-known and beloved leader in Atlanta's black gay community and a founding board member of ITLA, who died May 22.

Daniels, 33, died as a result of injuries suffered in a one-car auto accident on Interstate 85 near Greensboro, N.C. At the time, he and two friends were en route to Washington, D.C., for that city's large Memorial Day weekend Black Gay Pride celebration.

A founding board member of In The Life Atlanta, Daniels served as its executive director for last year's Labor Day Black Pride event.

In 1995, Daniels co-founded Adodi Muse, the self-identified gay Negro ensemble and writer's collective. He also founded the Black Lesbian and Gay Poet's Society. He also was the founder of SpeakFire, a monthly forum for black gay and lesbian writers, poets and artists.

Tony Daniels

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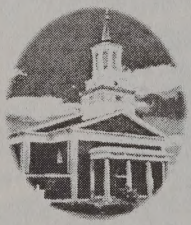

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June

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June 18, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400

Kathy Mattea & Pam Tillis
June 19, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Mattea, known for her support of AIDS issues, and Tillis perform with the ASO for "The Women of Country

Unity Ball
June 20, GPTV Bldg., Studio C, (404) 365-5357

All-ages, semi-formal prom for the community.

The Phil Collins Big Band
June 20, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Symphony in the Park
June 21, Piedmont Park, (404) 733-5000

Free concert by Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Al Jarreau
June 23, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

With the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Further Festival
June 25, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400

Grateful Dead's Bob Weir along with Phil Leih, Mickey Hart, Bruce Hornsby, Rusted Root and Hot Tuna

Paula Poundstone
June 26, Atlanta Symphony Hall, (404) 733-5000

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Prodigy & Meat Beat Manifesto
June 26, The Tabernacle, (404) 249-6400

Legends of Motown
June 26 & 27, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

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RuPaul
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Kansas
July 1, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

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Josh Joplin Band
July 3, Eddie's Attic, (404) 377-4976

Community favorites in concert in Decatur.

Little Feat & the Fabulous Thunderbirds
July 3, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Gracie & the Slipcovers
July 4, Eddie's Attic, (404) 377-4976

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B-52's and The Pretenders
July 4, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400

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Centennial Olympic Park 4th of July Celebration
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Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus
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Wynton Marsalis
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The Rocky Horror Show
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Richard Bicknell
July 10, The Freight Room, (404) 378-5365
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The Rippingtons & Boney James
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National Black Arts Festival
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July 11, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000
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The Backstreet Boys
July 12, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400

Michael Crawford
July 13, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000
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July 14, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Swamp Romp New Orleans Festival
July 15, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Michelle Malone
July 16, Eddie's Attic, (404) 377-4976
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Jazz Explosion!
July 15, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Jonny Lang & Jimmie Vaughan
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John Fogerty
July 19, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400

Dan Fogelberg
July 21, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

ASO Plays the Music of Pink Floyd
July 22, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

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July 23, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000
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Lilith Fair
July 24, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400
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Mary Chapin Carpenter
July 24-25, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000
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Willie Nelson
July 26, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Swing Night
July 29, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Sounds of the Silver Screen
July 31, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Atlanta Heritage Blues Festival
July 31-Aug. 2, Woodruff Park, 770-424-5832

Judy Tenuta
July 31-Aug. 2, The Punchline, (404) 252-5233

AUGUST

Everly Brothers
Aug. 1, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Widespread Panic
Aug. 1, Lakewood Amphitheater, (404) 249-6400

Smashing Pumpkins
Aug. 4, Fox Theatre, Box office or Ticketmaster (404) 249-6400

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Aug. 5, The Tabernacle, Box office or Ticketmaster (404) 249-6400
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Collin Raye
Aug. 5, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

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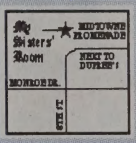

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Art Garfunkel
Aug. 7, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Peter, Paul & Mary
Aug. 8, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000

Symphony in the Park
Aug. 9, Centennial Olympic Park, (404) 733-5000
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Sergio Mendes & Brasil '99
Aug. 12, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000
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Aug. 14, Chastain Park Amphitheater, (404) 733-5000
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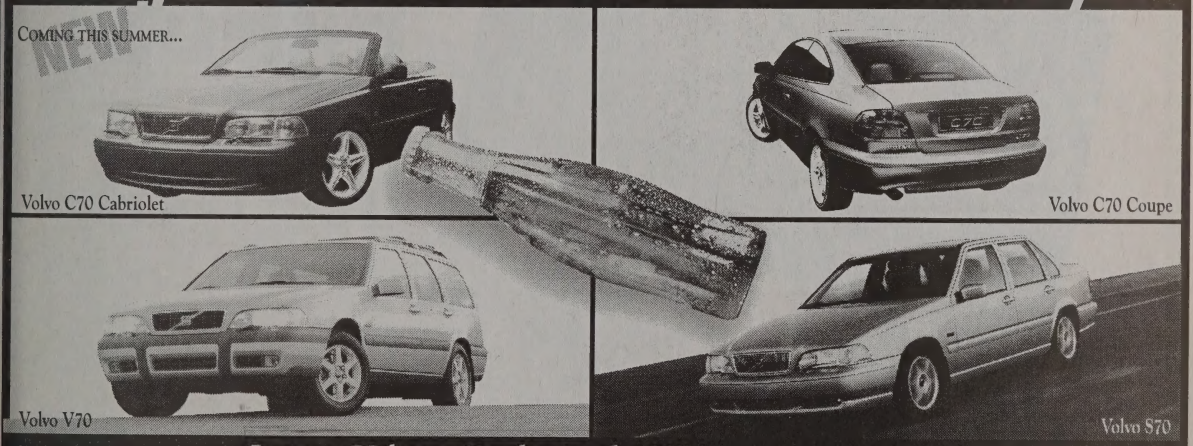

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Atlanta Hosts Gay Softball World Series

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RICHY HOWARD

This summer, as thousands cross the Atlantic r Gay Games IV in Amsterdam, many folks ay be surprised to find that the largest gay and sbian sporting event in North America will be ght here in Atlanta the week of August 10 - 15. The 1998 Gay Softball World Series will draw ound 110 teams with about 3,000 participants om cities all over the United States and Canada. ith the World Series following hard on the els of Atlanta's famous circuit party—Hotlanta ver Expo—Midtown's Sheraton Colony quare Hotel will remain chock full of gays for most two weeks in August.

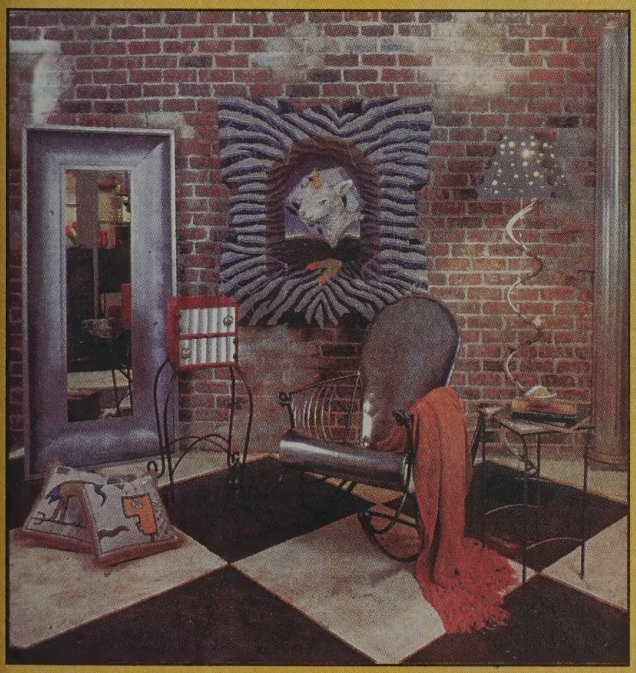
Most gay and lesbian softball teams in the S. and Canada are governed by the North merican Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance NAGAAA). Every summer, participating agues send their finest to the Gay Softball orld Series to decide who the best teams in the tion will be. The week-long tournament fea-res five divisions of play. There are A, B, and C levels of competition in the Open Division, and the Women's Division features Competitive and Recreational brackets of play.

Atlanta has won the coveted national title only twice. In 1992, the Pear Garden Sluggers won the Men's C title in the first year of that bracket of play. Then, just last year, the Heretic Heat won the Women's Competitive Division, a title they had come so close to in too many previous World Series.

The last time the Series was held in Atlanta was in 1989. Since that time, NAGAAA has grown to such a size that few cities have a softball complex large enough to host all the games in one facility. In fact, not since that last Atlanta series has the GSWS been played at one venue. Atlanta will repeat that accomplishment this summer, as the Softball Country Club on N. Decatur Road will accommodate all the spectators and athletes for the '98 World Series. The Hotlanta Softball League serves as host for he event.

With all of the competition at one venue, HSL's main focus will be to attract as many spectators as possible. "For fans in the South, the series may only come around once every 10 years, and this is a rare opportunity to see the event. The Series may be known as a fun event, but it is also a showcase for a high level of athletic competition," says Lon Berger, HSL commissioner. "This is an opportunity to see some of the best gay athletes in the country, men and women who excel at the sport of softball."

The Softball Country Club on N. Decatur Road is the series venue.



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RICHY HOWARD

The '98 Peach tournament, one of the most gay and lesbian tennis events in North erica, heads a summer full of great sporting nts in gay Atlanta.

lated for the Labor Day Weekend, the Peach ten- vent is in its 11th year and expects to have a large , as always.

The Peach, whose proceeds benefit Positive act, will feature brackets of play for men, women and mixed pairs, broken down into open, A, B, C, D and novice levels of play. There will also be a 35+ division if enough players warrant. Play will be on September 4 - 7 at the Dekalb Tennis Center and for the first time at the South Fulton Tennis Center, one of the better tennis complexes in the country.

The '97 Peach featured many Atlantans doing quite well despite the oppressive heat. This year, the heat is expected to be just as daunting.

"There really is not a whole lot we can do except make sure there is plenty of water available," says tournament director Mark Mays serving in that role for the seventh year. "We really stress to everyone to keep hydrated." A Draw Party will be held on September 3 at the Marriott Marquis skyline room.

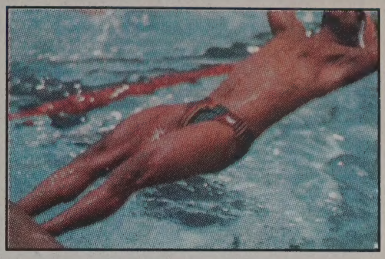
Those interested in playing can register online at www.atta.org/thepeach

Atlanta Rainbow Trout Swim Club

The Rainbow Trout is at least the second-largest United States Masters Swimming team in the state of Georgia, and possibly the largest.

Comprised primarily (though not exclusively) of lesbian and gay athletes, the Trout now has 150 active swimmers, making it a powerhouse among all adult competitive swimming groups, never mind just the lesbian/gay swimming world.

The Trout offers coached workouts for beginners through national competitors four times per week at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center, the world-class



swimming facility built for the 1996 Olympic Games. Practices are held from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m .Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The club invites all interested people to swim with the club for a few weeks before they are required to join in order to make sure swimmers enjoy the experience before committing to membership. Members pay quarterly pool charges and $28 for annual USMS membership.

The Trout will host Freedom Swim '98, a USMS meet, on Sat., June 20, at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center. They expect 300 swimmers from Atlanta

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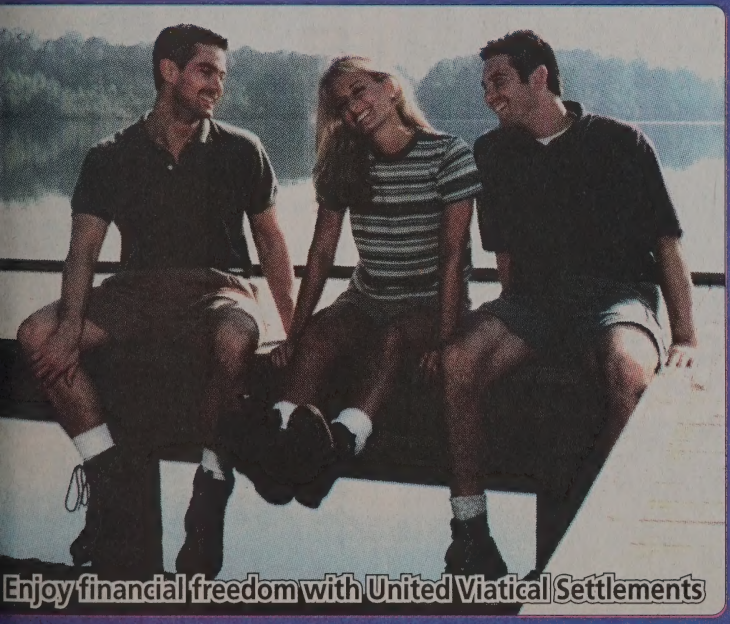

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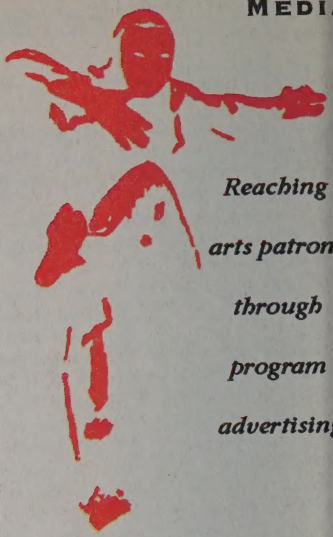

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nd the rest of Georgia, as well as from all over the country. There also will be a full weekend of social activities surrounding the meet. On Saturday after he competition, there will be a Pink Flamingo contest featuring skits put on by the teams. That night here will be a party at Club Fusion on Amsterdam Avenue in the Midtown Outlets. On Sunday afternoon, the Trout will be skating at Piedmont Park, followed by a tea dance at Fusion. All of these events are open to the public.

A number of Trout swimmers will participate in he Georgia State Games at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center on July 18. Four members will compete in the Gay Games in Amsterdam this August, nd the Trout also will compete at the USMS Masters Nationals in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

For more information, call the Troutline at 404) 286-6131, or visit their website at www.mindspring.com/~atltrout, or drop them a ine at 541 10th St. NW #314, Atlanta GA 30318

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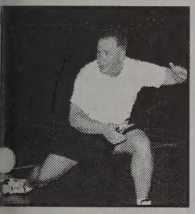

Atlanta's hottest volleyball players participate in a well-organized league that recently completed its spring season. Summertime brings open play twice a week, and all are welcome. Tuesday night, open play is from 7 to 10 p.m. in the gym at Agnes Scott College in Decatur. Fridays, the group plays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Druid Hills Methodist Church at the corner of Ponce de Leon and Briarcliff Road. Cost is $3 per person to cover gym rental.

The association's annual Pride tournament will be held Sat., June 27 in Piedmont Park during the Atlanta Pride celebration. The four-man outdoor grass tournament offers competition in advanced, ntermediate and recreational divisions.

The Hotlanta Classic IX is the organization's big tournament of the year. Scheduled for the July 4th weekend, it is hosted by Hoedowns, Midtown's gay country/western bar.

Front Runners Atlanta

Front Runners Atlanta is part of an international association of running and walking clubs providing support and encouragement to gay men nd lesbians who enjoy running or walking. The 8th annual Atlanta gay and lesbian Pride Run/Walk steps off at 8 a.m. on Sat., June 27, tarting near the Cyclorama and Zoo Atlanta ntrance to Grant Park. The 5K (3.1-mile) course winds in and around park. Front Runners Atlanta organizes this annual race, held in conjunction with Atlanta Pride weekend, and proceeds form

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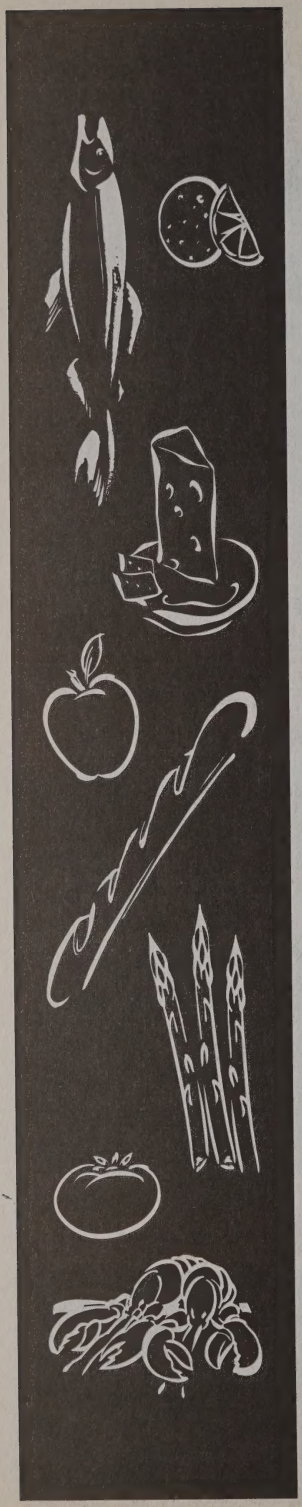

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this year's event will benefit the Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative and YouthPride Atlanta. Last year, more than 825 runners participated, raising more than $9,000 for charity.

Race applications are available in *Southern Voice*, at Phidippides Sports in Ansley Mall, at businesses throughout Midtown Atlanta or by calling (770) 621-5007. The entrance fee is $15.

A pre-race pasta dinner on Friday evening will feature Atlanta City Council Member Julia Emmons, executive director of the Atlanta Track Club, the city's 12,000-member running club that each year sponsors the massive Peachtree Road Race on July 4.

For more information, call the Front Runner at (770) 621-5007.

Bowling

There are no less than six bowling leagues for Atlanta's lesbian and gay community, offering wide variety of gay bowling events during the year. For instance, the Dixie Committee's annual Easter tournament this year drew more than 360 bowlers. Come summertime, two leagues bowl at Express Lanes, 1936 Piedmont Circle in Midtown. On Mondays, Elma's Gang takes to the lanes, and on Wednesdays, you can bowl with Boys & Girls in Summer. Call Express Lanes at (404) 874-5703 for more information. The co-ed leagues cater to bowlers of all ages.

The fall league schedule is more extensive and all the gay leagues are sponsoring a registration party at Express Lanes on Aug. 16.

Atlanta Gay Bowlers are bidding to host the International Gay Bowling Organization's annual tournament in the year 2000.

Basketball

Hotlanta Basketball offers open play Tuesday nights from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Druid Hills Methodist Church at the corner of Briarcliff Road and Ponce de Leon. Cost is $4 per person to cover gym rental.

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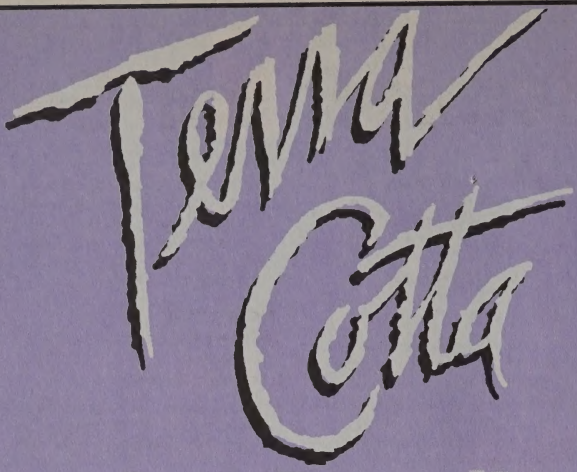

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Blake's on the Park
227 10th Street (Corner of 10th & Piedmont)
(404) 892-5786 or (888) 441-8984

The neighborhood bar feel makes for a generally professional clientele during happy hour and serves as a pre-clubbing stopover at night. Weekends offer drink specials for Piedmont Park cruisers, bikers and roller bladers. On weekdays, Blake's is the place for Tuesday Night Movies upstairs with Beau and the Wednesday Lust & Bust Show. Call for details.

Buddies – Cheshire Bridge
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Buddies Midtown Pub
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1493 Peachtree Street
(404) 872-3025
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This newly remodeled club offers a diverse atmosphere and crowd. In business for 19 years, the club is has an enclosed dance floor, game room and huge outdoor patio, which is an Atlanta Sunday tradition, with hot men and a free cookout buffet. The setting is lively, and the lights are dim with a cruisy atmosphere. Bulldogs is a staple in the Atlanta bar scene, always known for the inexpensive "heavy hand" cocktails.

Burkhart's Pub
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The Chamber
2115 Faulkner Road
(404) 248-1612

Atlanta's premier fetish dance club, The Chamber is far from straight—in any sense of the word. Yes, you'll find some heterosexuals among the leather-clad, head-shaved, tattooed and pierced crowd cavorting to house and alternative music inside. The Chamber hosts panel discussions exploring "the world of leather and fetish" every second and fourth Thursday. A modest cover.

The Eagle
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(404) 873-2453

Atlanta's hottest Levi/leather bar, The Eagle opens daily at 5 p.m. for happy hour. The crowd ranges in age from mid-20s to upper 60s, and the small dance floor has a big reputation for great music. Leather, SM, Fetish Night on Wednesdays and Eagle's Nest Key Club on Thursdays starts at 10 p.m. and requires "appropriate attire" or bare chest. Pool tables and ATM are also available. No cover.

Fountainhead Lounge
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Midtown Saloon & Grill

736 Ponce de Leon
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A neighborhood bar & grill. Never a cover or attitude. Twelve beers on draft. Pool tables & darts. Open 2 p.m.-4 a.m. daily. Dinner served at 5 p.m.

Miss Q's

560 Amsterdam
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Miss Q's is a great little neighborhood bar where friends can get together and chill out after work. The crowd is professional and mixed (lesbians and gay men). They have two dartboards, four pool tables, wing-backed chairs and couches, pinball and video games, satellite TV and low-key conversation music. Open every day 4 p.m. until close.

Model T

699 Ponce de Leon
(404) 872-2209

Located in Ford Factory Square, an old mill turned apartment complex, this cozy tavern is home to an older, calmer crowd. Though things heat up a bit for Saturday night drag shows and regular dart tournaments, the Model T is mostly a great place to just hang out in a friendly neighborhood atmosphere. Usually no cover.

Moreland Ave. Restaurant and Tavern

1196 Moreland Avenue
(404) 622-4650

A neighborhood bar for Grant Park, Ormewood Park and Brownwood Park areas. Bands on Saturday nights and drag shows sometimes on Fridays. Enjoy the large patio area. Closest gay bar to the Southside Park Softball field. Open Monday 7 p.m.-4 a.m., Tuesday–Friday 11 a.m.-4 a.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 a.m., and Sunday 12:30 p.m. to midnight.

The New Order

1544 Piedmont Road (in Ansley Mall)
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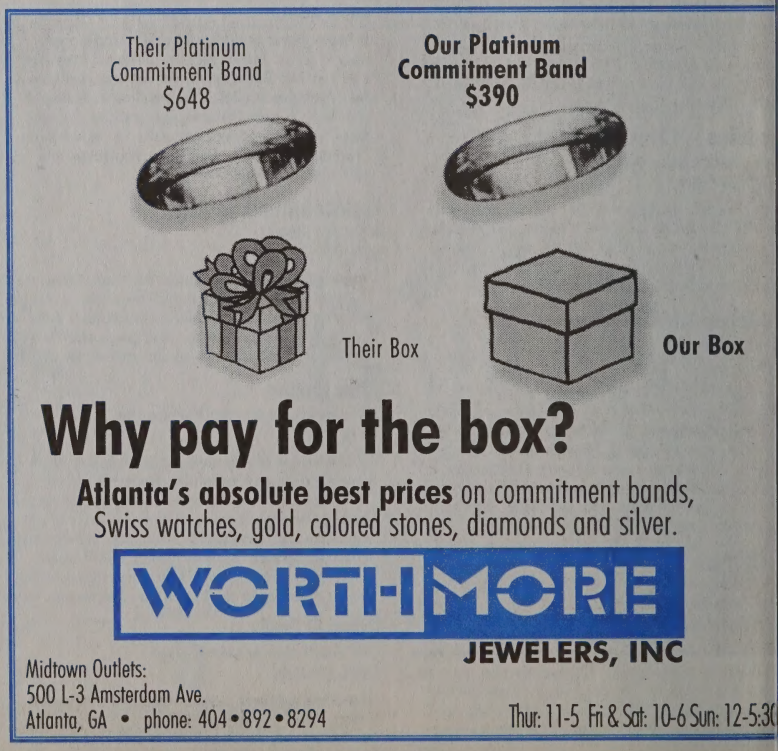
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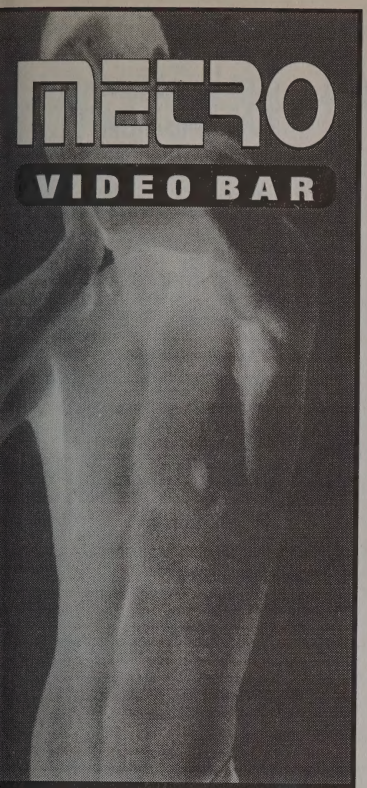

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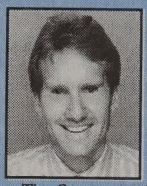
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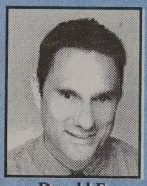
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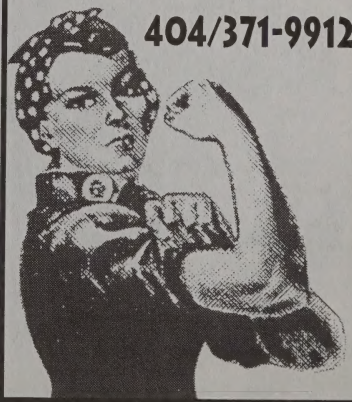

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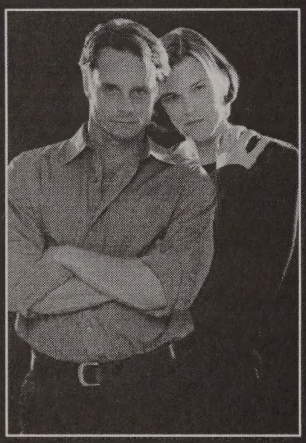

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Scandals is Ansley Square's "friendly" neighborhood bar. Pool table, dartboard, jukebox. Complimentary buffet every Sunday at 5 p.m. Open Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m.–4 a.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.–3 a.m., Sunday 12:30 p.m.–4 a.m. Home of the "Cajun" Bloody Mary.

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1715 Northside Drive (at I-75)
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B. **Guys & Dolls (off map)**
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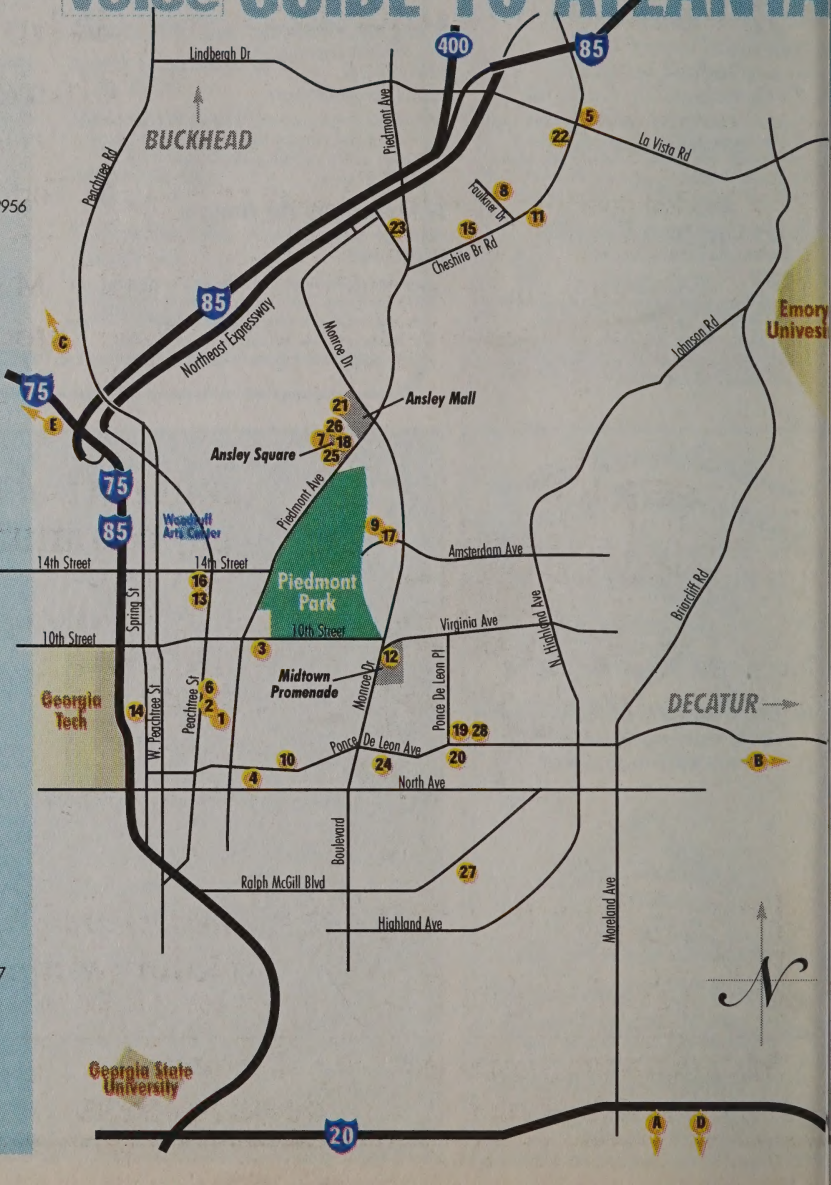

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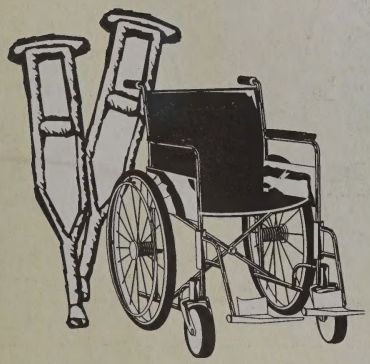

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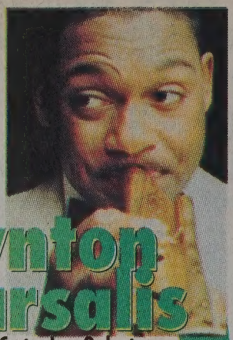

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with the ASO

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Kansas

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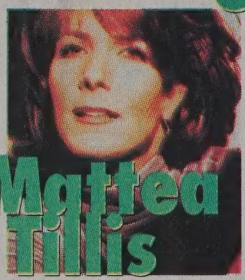

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Fri, July 3, 7:30pm
Little Feat & the Fabulous Thunderbirds

Wed, July 8, 8pm
Wynton Marsalis
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Fri, July 10, 7:30pm
The Rippingtons
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Sat, July 11, 8pm
Gladys Knight

Wed, July 15, 7pm
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Wed, July 22, 8:30pm
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Wed, Aug 5, 7pm
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Fri, Aug 7, 8pm
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Sat, Aug 8, 8pm
Peter, Paul & Mary

Wed, Aug 12, 8pm
Sergio Mendes
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Fri, Aug 14, 7pm
Ricky Skaggs
& the Kentucky Thunder;
Peter Rowan, Tony Rice, Blue Highway

Sat, Aug 15, 7:30pm
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